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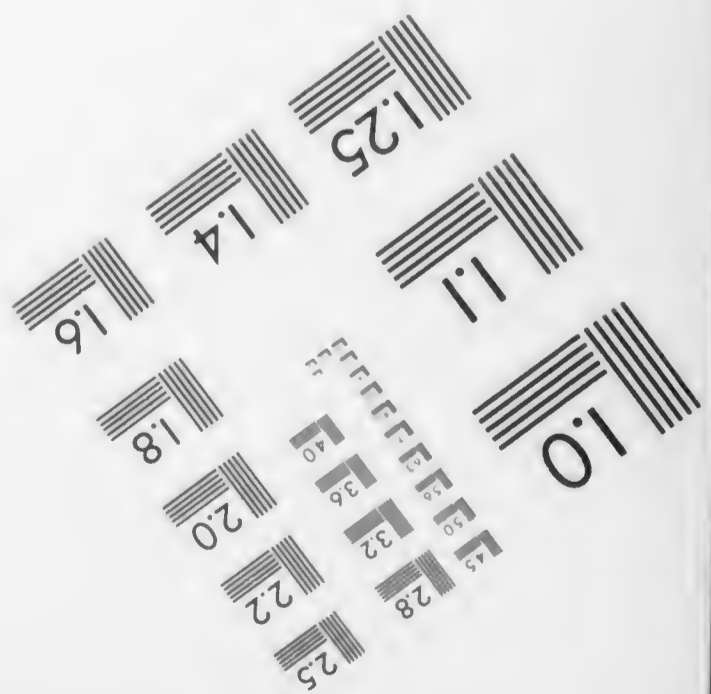
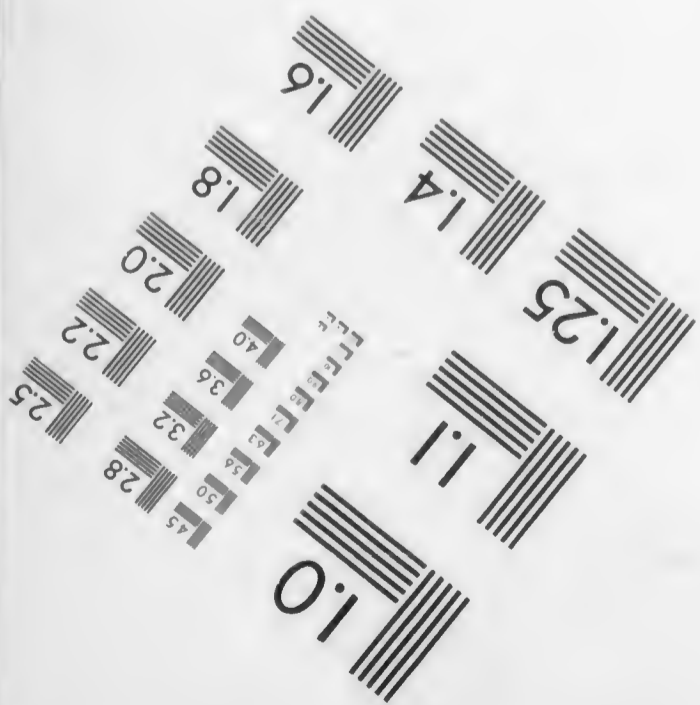
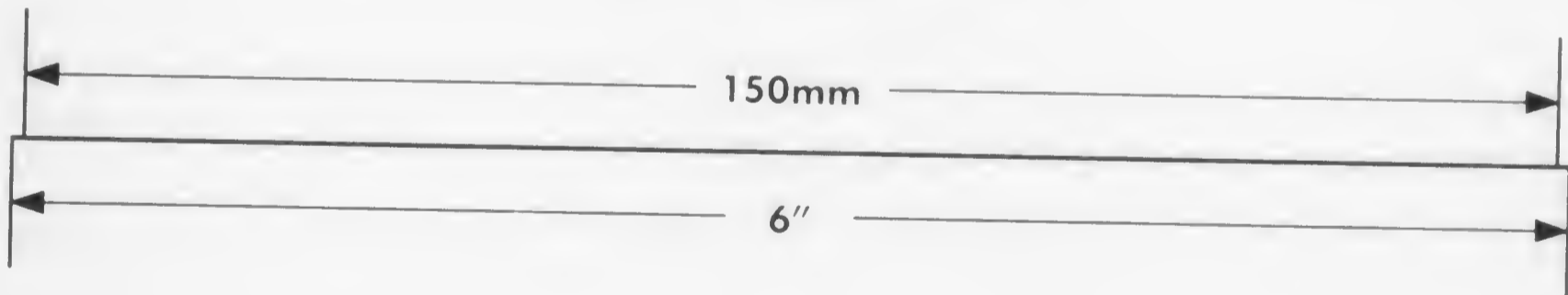
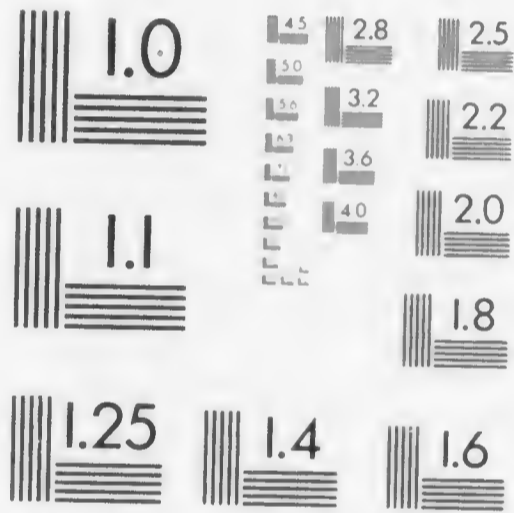
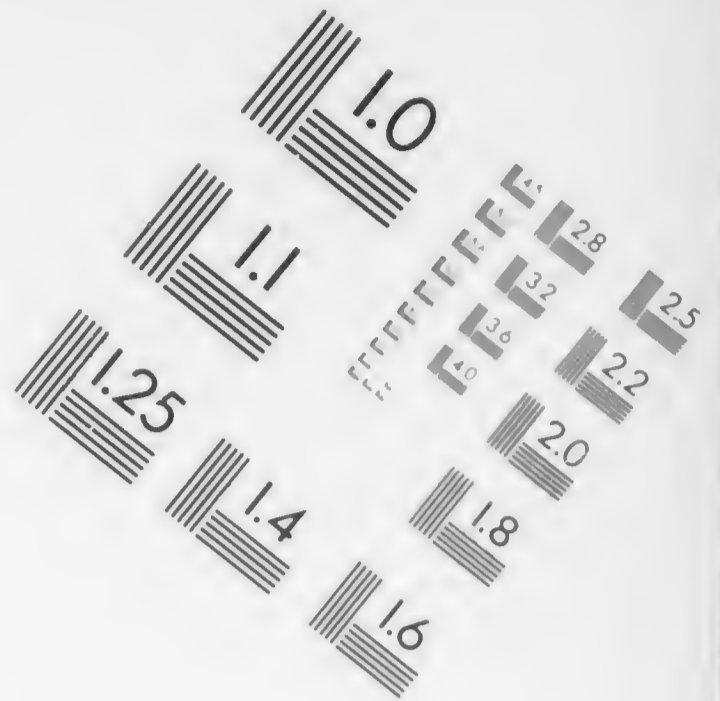
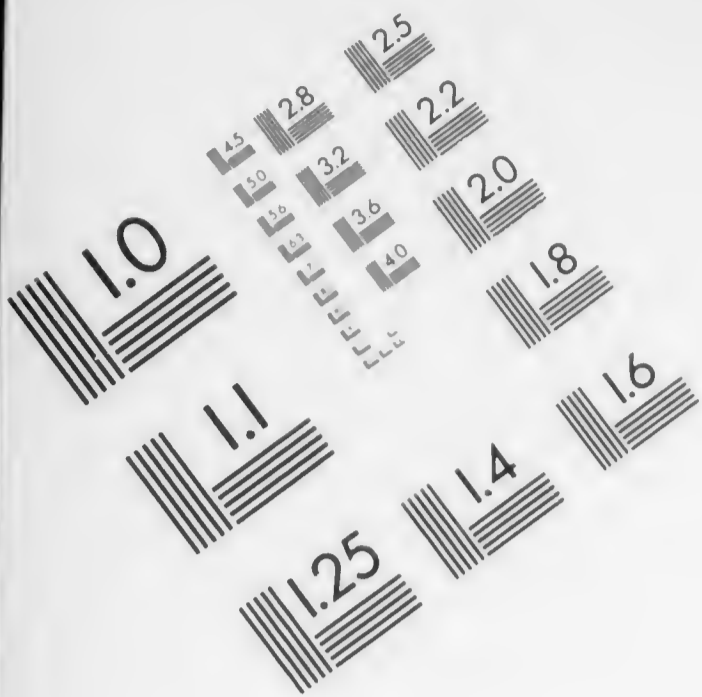
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Public Library.  
Proceedings of the Board of Trustees.  
Volume 4.

Tuesday, 10, January, 1871. January 10, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 1/2 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Ingalls, Morton,  
Braman, Lewis, and Green.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read  
and approved.

The requests of Abner J. Phipps of West  
Medford, William H. Gardner, M.D., of Fort Independence,  
and Joseph B. Warner, of Cambridge for extraordinary  
privileges were granted; Dr. Gardner to take three  
books and to keep them four weeks; and the other  
two to have the ordinary privileges of residents.

Privileges  
to  
A. J. Phipps,  
Dr. Wm. H. Gardner,  
and  
Jos. B. Warner.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance,  
presented a schedule of bills payable at the City  
Treasury on the first day of February next, amounting  
as per cash book of this date to \$7326.84. The bills  
having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable.

The President and Messrs. Lewis and Braman  
were appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee  
of the City Council on the Suffolk Street District, relative  
to a Library site.

New  
Library  
Building.

The Report of the Superintendent was  
read and ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, the Superintendent  
was directed to report hereafter in print.

Superintendent  
to report in  
print.

1361.  
January 10, 1871.

At 10.10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest - J. Winsor  
Secy

January 24, 1871.

Tuesday, 24 January, 1871.

No Quorum.

A meeting of the Trustees was called at 9 1/2 o'clock A.M.  
Messrs. Greenough, Green, and Braman appeared and not constituting a quorum of the Board adjourned to February 14th at 9 1/2 o'clock A.M.

Attest - J. Winsor  
Secy

February 8, 1871.

Wednesday, 8 February, 1871.

A Special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 9 1/2 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Little, Barnes, Green, Braman, and Morton.  
The President took the Chair.  
The following communication was read from the City Clerk.

City of Boston  
February 6, 1871.

Trustees  
elected  
1871.

This is to certify  
That Alderman Samuel Little and Messrs. M. F. Dickinson, Jr. and Joseph W. Barnes of the Common Council have been duly elected by the City Council of this City,

as Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston for this Municipal Year, and until others are elected in their places.

[Signed] J. F. Mc Cleary  
City Clerk

Justin Winsor, Esq.  
Secy Trustees, etc. etc.

The usual request for estimates for the coming year was received from the City Auditor, and his communication was referred to the President, the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and Alderman Little.

Request for  
estimates,  
referred.

The Superintendent's report which was not presented at the last regular meeting, as there was no quorum, was presented and ordered to be placed on file.

The President placed Alderman Little on the Committees on Building and Grounds, and Finance; Mr. Dickinson on the Committee on Books and Catalogues; and General Barnes on the Committee on Finance.

Vacancies  
on Committees  
filled by the  
President.

General Barnes, by vote, was added to the Committee on the East Boston Branch.

Gen. Barnes added  
to Com. on E. B. Branch.

On motion of Mr. Braman, it was Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee of the City Council on the Public Library be invited to visit the Library at all times, and attend, whenever they desire, the regular meetings of the Board.

Com. of City Council  
to be invited  
to the Library.

An extract from the will of the late George Ticknor was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Extract from  
Mr. Ticknor's will  
to be placed on file.

At 10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest - J. Winsor  
Secy

1362.  
February 8, 1871.



1363.

February 14, 1871.

Tuesday, 14 February, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library, at 9 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Lewis, Dickinson,  
Green, Braman, Little, and Barnes.

There were also present, by invitation, the  
following members of the Committee of the City Council  
on the Library:— Aldermen Plumer, Jenkins, and  
Packer, and Councilmen Ayer, Mullaney, Robbins,  
and Robertson.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read  
and approved.

Request of  
C. A. Metcalf  
granted.

The request of Charles A Metcalf of the  
City Surveyor's office for the ordinary privileges of  
the Library was granted.

Bills Payable!

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance,  
presented a schedule of bills payable at the City  
treasury on the first day of March next, amounting  
as per cash book of this date to \$4880.42. The bills  
having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Special  
Committee  
report  
Yearly  
Estimates.

The Special Committee appointed to consider  
the Estimates and Ways and Means for the coming year,  
reported the following sums, and the figures were  
unanimously adopted.

Bonding	\$5200.
Books and Periodicals	9000.
Catalogue printing	5700.
Fuel	1650.
Furniture, Shelving, &c.	1650.
Gas	2200.
Expense, including cleaning,	2000.
Printing, miscellaneous.	2200.
Salaries	35000.
Stationery	1400.
Postage, transportation, &c.	1000.
Total	\$67000.

Ways and Means

\$1000.

1364.

February 14, 1871.

The report of the Superintendent was read  
and ordered to be placed on file.

At 10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:

J. Lewis  
Secy.

Tuesday, 23 February, 1871.

February 23, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library, at 9 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Putnam, Lewis,  
Green, Morton, Dickinson, and Barnes.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read  
and approved.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, it was  
Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to  
remit the sum of £76.7 to Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co.,  
London, to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Remittance  
of £76.7 to  
Baring Bros. & Co.

Ordered, that Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., be requested  
to place the sum of £76.7 to the credit of Edward J.  
Allen.

£76.7 to  
Ed. J. Allen

Ordered, that the Committee on the East Boston  
Branch be requested to make the necessary arrangements  
for the formal opening of that library.

Opening  
of the  
East Boston Branch

The Report of the Superintendent was read  
and ordered to be placed on file.

At 9.50 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:

J. Lewis  
Secy.

1365

March 14, 1871.

Tuesday, 14 March, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 1/2 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Dorman, Barnes,  
Green, Putnam, and Lewis.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Nomination  
of  
Examining  
Committee  
for 1871.

On motion of Dr. Green it was  
Ordered, that the President be requested to name a  
Chairman of the Examining Committee, and that the  
President and such Chairman nominate to the Board  
five citizens to constitute such Committee, and also to  
name five substitutes.

Bills Payable

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance,  
presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury  
on the first day of April next, amounting as per cash  
book of this date to \$599.79. The bills having been  
examined were allowed by the Board.

Request of  
Frank S. Collins.

The request of Frank S. Collins for extraordinary  
privileges was ordered to be placed on file.

Privileges to  
J. T. Frowbridge.

J. T. Frowbridge, a non-resident, was allowed  
the ordinary privileges of the Library.

Mrs. G. A. Ellis  
and  
Wallace Norris.

Mrs. Grace A. Ellis was allowed to take  
three volumes at a time and to retain them one month,  
subject to the Superintendent's recall.

Mr. Wallace Norris, 24 Oak St., was  
allowed to take four volumes at a time and to  
retain them four weeks, subject to the Superintendent's  
recall.

Inexpedient  
to use the  
old Lyman S. House  
for  
day school purposes.

On motion of Dr. Green it was  
Ordered, that in the opinion of this Board, the use  
of any portion of the old Lyman School House for  
day-school purposes is highly inexpedient, as it would  
interfere seriously with the administration of the  
Library.

1366

March 14, 1871.

The Secretary was directed to communicate  
the above vote to the Committee on Public Buildings.

The Committee to confer with the Committee  
of the City Council on the Suffolk Street District,  
reported that it is inexpedient to take further action  
regarding land in that section.

Suffolk Street  
District.

The Report was accepted.

On motion of Dr. Putnam the matter  
of changes in the present building, and a new site  
for the library was referred to the Committee on  
Building and Grounds, and the President was  
added to the Committee as a special member.

New Library  
Building.

Ordered, that the regular meetings of the Board  
be held hereafter on the second and fourth Wednesdays  
in each month at 9 1/2 o'clock A.M.

Meetings of  
Trustees.

The Report of the Superintendent was  
ordered to be placed on file.

At 10.30 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: -  
J. D. Winter  
Secy

Wednesday, 29 March, 1871.

March 29, 1871

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 1/2 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Dorman, Green, Little, and  
Dickinson.

Alderman Little took the Chair.

The members present not constituting a quorum  
of the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

No Quorum.

Note - A special requisition amounting to \$1028.47, in favor of  
Alfred Mudge & Son, received the signatures of a majority of the Board,  
and the signature of Alderman Little, as President, pro tem.

Special  
Requisition for  
A. Mudge & Son.

Attest: -  
J. D. Winter  
Secy

1367.

April 12, 1871

Wednesday, 12 April, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9/20 clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Braman, Barnes,  
Green, and Lewis.

The President took the Chair.

The Records of the last two meetings were read  
and approved.

Docs. relating to  
the  
Tichnor bequest.  
referred to a  
Special Com.

A note from the City Clerk was read, accompanying  
an attested copy of the Resolves of the City Council accepting  
the Tichnor bequest, and a corrected copy of the Report of the  
Committee of the City Council.

The Documents were referred to a Special Committee  
consisting of the President, and Messrs. Putnam and Green.

Privileges granted  
to  
Prof. R. Pumpelly  
and  
Rev. A. P. Foster.

Professor R. Pumpelly, of Cambridge, was granted  
under the usual conditions, the privilege of taking four volumes  
and keeping them four weeks.

Rev. Addison P. Foster, of Malden, was granted  
the ordinary privileges for one year.

Privileges extended  
to  
John B. Perry  
and  
Prof. J. K. Paine.

The privileges heretofore granted to John B. Perry of  
the Cambridge Zoological Museum, and to Professor J. K. Paine  
of Harvard College, were extended for one year.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance,  
presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury  
on the first day of May next, amounting as per cash book of  
this date to \$5325.88. The bills having been examined were  
allowed by the Board.

Remittance  
of balance to  
Baring Bros & Co.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, it was  
Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to remit  
whatever balance there may be, to Messrs. Baring, Bros & Co,  
London, to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Committee  
on  
Finance,  
Report.

The Committee on Finance made the  
following report.  
The Committee on Finance, having considered the matter  
of the salaries for the coming year, beg leave to report the  
following orders:—

Ordered,

That the salaries of the officers and attendants of the  
Library for the ensuing year, all chargeable to the appropriation  
for Salaries, be as follows:—

Males.	William A. Wheeler	\$ 2500.
	Edward Capen	2000.
	Max Auerbach	1200.
	Wm. H. Foster	1300.
	Jos. Lykes	1500.
	William B. Ford	1200.
	Elbridge Bradshaw	1100.
	Thomas Collins	780.
	Geo. W. Peck	624.
	A. P. C. Griffin	520.
	E. L. Wilder	260.
	Jos. L. Cuyppes	208.
	John Breenahan	182.
	Charles A. Linness	182.
	Jos. L. Whitney	1500.
	J. Q. Williams.	Discretionary with the Supt. to the limit of 50 cts per hour.

Females.	Mrs. L. S. Barton	\$ 800.
	Caroline F. Adams	700.
	Harriet R. Cogswell	625.
	Livonia S. Norton	625.
	Lydia F. Knowles	600.
	Caroline E. Forcé	600.
	Harriet N. Pike	600.
	Adelaide A. Nichols	600.
	Alice M. Forcé	575.
	Eliz. S. Maloy	550.
	Mary McGrath	525.
	Annie D. Loud	525.
	Eliz. J. Stevenson	550.
	Mary A. Tyler	525.

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April 12, 1871.

Salaries  
of  
Officers  
and  
Attendants  
1871-72.

1870.

April 12, 1871.

Sarah A. Mack	416.
Eliza J. Mack	416.
Eliz. Ross	312.
Matilda J. Ross	260.
L. A. W. Guinness	312.
Margaret McGrath	312.
A. M. Kennedy	156.
E. E. Bresnahan	156.
Eliz. L. Dorr	156.
Ellen Stevenson	156.
Emily McGrath	156.
Florence E. Guinness	52.
H. E. Mack	52.
R. W. Eastman 2 1/2 per hour	
Mary E. Goslyn.	600.

East Clara D. Dond	600.
Boston Mary R. Pray	500.
Branch Addie J. Tracy	500.
Mary E. Cathcart	156.

Perquisites not allowed. Ordered, That perquisites of all kinds, pertaining to any officer or attendant of the library, be no longer allowed.

Respectfully submitted,  
[Signed] Weston Lewis,  
Chairman.

Report accepted and Orders adopted. The report was accepted and the orders were adopted.

Janitorship of E. Boston Branch Ordered, That the question of the Janitorship of the East Boston Branch, be referred to the Special Committee on the East Boston Branch, to consider and report at the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee to make nominations for the Examining Committee, reported the following named:

Rev. Phillips Brooks  
 C. C. Perkins, Esq.  
 Hon. E. R. Mudge  
 Hon. C. S. Woodbury  
 Dr. Calvin Ellis.

The following were named as substitutes.

A. S. Wheeler, Esq.  
 Rev. W. H. C. Murray  
 Chas. Gordon, M.D.  
 Daniel S. Curtis, Esq.  
 Nathan Matthews, Esq.

The nominations were confirmed, and the President named Mr. Weston Lewis, as Chairman of the Committee.

The Reports of the Superintendent Nos. 5 and 6 were ordered to be placed on file.

The action of the Superintendent in confining the showing of the Test engravings, in all but exceptional cases, to Mondays and Saturdays, was approved.

At 10.40 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: -  
Julien  
Secy.

Wednesday, 26 April, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 1/2 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Putnam, Morton, Barnes, Green, Lewis, and Draman.

In the absence of the President, Dr. Putnam was called to the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

1870.  
April 12, 1871.

Examining Committee appointed 1871.

Test Engravings.

April 26, 1871.

1371.  
April 26, 1871.

A communication was read from the City Clerk, as follows:—

City of Boston  
In Board of Aldermen, April 10, 1871.

Ordered:

That the Auditor of Accounts be, and hereby is authorized to transfer from the Reserved Fund, the sum of Three thousand dollars, to be constituted a special appropriation and styled "Ticknor Bequest" to meet the requirements of the order of the City Council approved April 4, 1871, in relation to the bequest of George Ticknor to the Public Library.

\$3000. transferred from the Reserved Fund and styled Ticknor Bequest.

Read twice and passed. Yeas, 11. Nays, none.  
Sent down for concurrence. April 13. Came up concurred. Yeas, 51. Nays, none. Approved by the Mayor, April 15, 1871.

A true copy

Attest:

[Signed] L. F. McCleary City Clerk

Condition of Trust Funds.

The Committee on Finance presented a statement of the Trust Funds Accounts, which was ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of General Barnes from the Committee on Finance it was

Having Mrs. Ho. to remit £200. to Dr. F. Hugel.

Ordered, That the Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., London, be requested to place the sum of Two hundred pounds with their agent at Leipzig, to the credit of Dr. Felix Hugel.

Sanitorships of E. Boston Branch.

The Committee on the East Boston Branch asked and were granted further time for considering the question of Sanitorships.

Dr. Putnam presented the following Report.

1372.

April 26, 1871.

The special Committee to whom was referred the subject of the action of the Board of Trustees upon the "Ticknor Bequest" ask leave to report the following resolutions and order.

Special Committee

upon the Ticknor Bequest.

Report-Resolutions and Order.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Public Library have received with deep sensibility, the bequest of their late associate and President, Mr. George Ticknor, of that portion of his library to which he had specially given the care and affection of the last fifty years of his life—gathering therein in the literature and language of the Spanish and Portuguese tongues, a collection unparalleled in this country, and hardly equalled among the best libraries in Europe, and in thus crowning his disinterested and enlightened labors in behalf of this institution by the gift of that portion of his possessions most closely associated with his literary life and the advancement of American scholarship, he has made the final record of his confidence in the principles upon which the Public Library was established, by the exercise of which it has prospered in no ordinary degree, and through the adherence to which its future usefulness must mainly depend.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Trustees be tendered to Mrs. Ticknor and to the Family, for the generous construction which they have given to the language of the bequest, whereby the intentions of the donor have been most largely fulfilled.

Ordered, That the foregoing resolutions be signed by the President of this Board, and be transmitted to Mrs. Ticknor and the Family.

[Signed] W. W. Greough } Special Committee.  
Geo. Putnam }  
Samuel A. Green }

Report adopted.

The Resolutions and Order were adopted.

1873.

April 26, 1871.

Mr. Morton  
Chairman of Ex. Com.  
in place of  
Mr. Lewis resigned.

Mr. Morton was named as Chairman of the Examining Committee, in the place of Mr. Lewis resigned.

The report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

At 9.45 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:  
J. Lincoln  
Clerk

May 10, 1871

Wednesday, 10 May, 1871.

No Quorum.

The Board met for organization. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Barnes, Green, and Lewis, and not constituting a quorum adjourned to Saturday, May 13th, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest:  
J. Lincoln  
Clerk

May 13, 1871.

Saturday, 13 May, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Morton, Lewis, Braman, and Little.

The Secretary read the following communication from the City Clerk.

City of Boston  
April 28, 1871.

This is to certify that George Putnam and Weston Lewis have been duly elected by the

Trustees  
Elected.

1874.

May 13, 1871.

City Council as Trustees of the Public Library for three years from the first Monday in May A.D. 1871, and until others are elected in their stead.

[Signed] J. F. Mc Cleary  
City Clerk.

The Board proceeded to a ballot for President, and Mr. Greenough was unanimously re-elected.

Mr. Greenough  
Chosen President.

The President took the chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The following communication from the City Clerk was read.

City of Boston  
In Common Council, May 11, 1871.

The Joint Standing Committee on the Public Library, who were instructed to consider the expediency of establishing branches of the Public Library in South Boston and Roxbury, respectfully recommend that the subject be referred to the Trustees of the Public Library.

Com. of City Council  
refer  
the subject of  
Branches in  
South Boston & Roxbury  
to the  
Trustees of the  
Public Library.

For the Committee  
Avery Sumner, Chairman.

Read, accepted and referred accordingly.

Sent up for concurrence.

Matthias Rich, Pres.

In Board of Aldermen, May 8, 1871

Concurred:

Chas. E. Jenkins, Chairman.

A true copy

Attest: [Signed] J. F. Mc Cleary  
City Clerk.

1375  
May 13, 1871.

The President was requested to name a Committee of three to consider the question as regards Roxbury, and another Committee of three that regarding South Boston. The Chair deferred the appointment.

A letter from Mrs. Ticknor acknowledging the receipt of the Resolutions transmitted to her was read.

In response to a letter from Mr. Tracy the City Treasurer, and on motion of Mr. Lewis it was

Investment of the Ticknor Fund.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to invest the Ticknor Fund (\$4000.) in the 6 per cent bonds of the City of Boston, payable to the Mayor for the time being.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of June next, amounting, as per cash book of this date, to \$6010.55. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Janitorship of E. Boston Branch.

The Special Committee on East Boston, being unable to agree, was discharged from further consideration of the question of the Janitorship of that branch.

Letter from Miss Prendergast.

A communication was received from Miss Prendergast and ordered to be placed on file.

Meetings of Trustees.

On motion of Mr. Morton it was Ordered, that the regular meetings of the Board be on the second and fourth Wednesdays in each month, at 10 o'clock A.M.

The report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

By Laws, etc provisionally adopted. Ref. to a Committee for revision.

Ordered, that the President and two others to be named by him, be a Committee to revise the By Laws and Regulations, and that the present By Laws and

1376  
May 13, 1871.

Regulations be provisionally adopted.

The President named Messrs. Lewis and Morton.

On motion of Mr. Braman it was Ordered, that all Special Committees be continued as now existing.

Special Committees to be continued as now existing.

At 5 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:  
President  
L. J.

Wednesday, 24 May, 1871.

May 24, 1871

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M. Present Messrs. Greenough, Morton, Green, Barnes and Lewis.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Colonel T. M. Higginson of Newport was granted the ordinary privileges of the Library for one year.

Library privileges to Col. T. M. Higginson,

Alexander Young was allowed for one year to take four volumes at a time and keep them four weeks.

Alex. Young,

William Nichols, M.D. was allowed for one year to take four volumes at a time and keep them four weeks.

Wm. Nichols, M.D., and Warren Webster.

Warren Webster, Surgeon U.S. Army, Fort Warren, was allowed for one year to take five volumes and keep them four weeks.

Mr. Lewis from the Committee on Revising the By Laws and Regulations, reported the following order, which was adopted.

Ordered, that in Article III of the By Laws, the word five be changed to four, and that the present By Laws and

Art. III. of By Laws amended.

1377  
May 24, 1871

Regulations be otherwise adopted.

A petition from the attendants of the library asking to have the library closed on Decoration Day was read, whereupon it was ordered, that all employes who have served in the army, and all who have lost relatives or friends and desire to participate in the ceremonies of the day shall be excused from attendance at the libraries on Decoration day. The libraries shall be closed on said day at 12 M.

Library to be closed the afternoon of 'Decoration Day.'

Special Committee appointed to consider the subject of branches in E. Boston Roxbury.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, the order passed at the last meeting requesting the President to appoint two Committees to consider the question of branches in Roxbury and South Boston was reconsidered, and it was ordered, that one Committee consider the whole subject. The President named Messrs. Lewis, Little, and Dickinson on that Committee, and on motion of Mr. Lewis, the President was added to the Committee.

A. W. Trask elected Janitor of East Boston Branch, receiving three votes to one for Mr. Wm. E. Boston Branch.

Mr. A. W. Trask was elected Janitor of the East Boston Branch, receiving three votes to one for Mr. Wm. E. Boston Branch. The salary of Mr. Trask was fixed at \$500. per annum.

Meetings of Trustees.

Ordered, that during the months of June, July, August, and September, the Board meet only on the second Wednesday in each month. The Ninth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file. At 11 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:  
J. Lewis

Wednesday, 14 June, 1871.

1378  
June 14, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, and Braman, and these gentlemen not constituting a quorum of the Board, adjourned to June 16, at 10 o'clock A.M.

No Quorum.

Attest:  
J. Lewis

Friday, 16 June, 1871.

June 16, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Morton, Braman, Barnes and Green.

The President took the Chair. The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Dr. Thomas M. Brewer was allowed to take from the Library four volumes at a time, and keep them four weeks, under the usual conditions.

Library privileges to Dr. Thos. M. Brewer.

General Barnes, from the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of July next, amounting as per cash book of this date, to \$6181.16. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable.

The President was also authorized to sign a requisition for \$24.00 upon the Ticknor Request Fund.

Requisition upon the Ticknor Request Fund.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the communication from the City Council relative to the establishment of new branches, presented the following report.

Special Com. upon Establishment of new branches.



1379

June 16, 1871.

Report that it is expedient to establish Branch Libraries in South Boston and Roxbury.

The Special Committee of the Trustees to whom was referred the communication from the City Council of the 8<sup>th</sup> ult. desiring a consideration of the expediency of establishing Branch Libraries in South Boston and Roxbury, respectfully report:

That in their judgment it is expedient to establish branches of the Public Library in both of those districts of the city.

That the experience obtained from the formation of the East Boston Branch, indicates that it is impracticable without interference with the important interests of the Central Library, to organize and put into operation more than one branch during a year.

That at the time of the annual appropriation, to which period the Trustees are limited by the Ordinance governing the Public Library, they will be prepared to make a specific recommendation to the City Council of the one of these two portions of the city, possessing, in their opinion the strongest claim for the earliest foundation of a Branch Library.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Greenough

Weston Lewis

Samuel Little

W. F. Dickinson, Jr.

Public Library  
19 June, 1871.

Secretary, to communicate report to City Council.

The report was unanimously accepted, and the Secretary instructed to communicate the same, with a record of the preliminary action, to the City Council.

Libraries to be closed 17th of June.

On petition of the Library attendants, the Board voted to close the Libraries on Saturday, the Seventeenth.

1380

June 16, 1871.

The Tenth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

The Annual Report of the Superintendent was also presented, and it was Ordered, that when the report of the Trustees is signed by the members of the Board, the same, with the reports of the Examining Committee and the Superintendent appended, be transmitted to the City Council.

Annual Report accepted.

At 10.35 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:

James Ly

Wednesday, 12 July, 1871.

July 12, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs Greenough, Braman, Green, Lewis, and Morton.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings submitting plans as adopted by the Committee on Public Buildings, for an alteration of the Bates Hall was read.

Plan adopted for alteration of Bates Hall.

The Board by a vote of four to one, adopted the plan marked A, which provides for a straightening of the lateral walls of the Bates Hall, with windows and a division of the alcoves by an intermediate range of shelves.

On motion of Alderman Braman it was Ordered, that Judge Lowell of the United States District Court, be allowed to take six volumes at a time, and keep them four weeks, under the usual conditions.

Special privilege to Judge Lowell of the U.S. District.

1881

July 12, 1871.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of August next, amounting, as per cash book of this date to \$5213.24. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Requisition upon the Ticknor Bequest fund.

The President was also authorized to sign a requisition for \$15.99 upon the Ticknor Bequest fund.

Baring Bros. & Co. to remit £83-13-5 to Signor Alberi.

Ordered, That the Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., London, be requested to place £83-13-5 sterling, with their agent at Florence, to the credit of Signor Alberi.

The Eleventh report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

At 11 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:

J. Lewis  
Secy

August 9, 1871.

Wednesday, 9 August, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Green, Dickinson, Barnes, Braman, and Morton.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Privileges to the Rev. A. S. Gardiner. Contract for shelving Newspaper Room.

The Reverend A. S. Gardiner of Jamaica Plains was granted the ordinary privileges of the Library.

A contract with J. J. McKitt for shelving in the Newspaper Room at a cost of \$185.00 was ordered to be placed on file.

Bills Payable.

General Barnes, from the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of September next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$5258.69. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

1882

August 9, 1871

Letters from F. Hyren.

Mr. Dickinson registers his

affirmative vote upon plan for alteration of Bates Hall.

Two communications from Frederic Hyren were ordered to be placed on file.

Permission was accorded to Mr. Dickinson to register his vote in the affirmative on the question regarding the alteration of the Library, which was taken at the last meeting.

The Twelfth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

At 10.30 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:

J. Lewis  
Secy

Wednesday, 13 September, 1871.

September 13, 1871.

A regular meeting of the Board was notified for 10 o'clock, but only Messrs. Greenough, Green, and Braman were present.

The Superintendent was informally directed to grant the requests of Nahum Capen, General Francis J. Lippitt, William Colden, George Bemis, Captain Frederick Robinson, and John Howbridge for extraordinary privileges, subject to the confirmation of the Board at their next regular meeting.

Communications from the City Clerk, and from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to the work of alteration in the Bates Hall were placed on file.

The President named Mr. Braman as a temporary Committee on Finance, who examined the bills, amounting as per cash book of this date, to \$761.89 for the usual requisitions, and to \$129.50 for the requisition to be paid from the Ticknor Bequest Fund.

The members present signed an authorization for the signature of the President to the requisition, and the same paper was subsequently signed by a majority of the Board.

No Quorum.

Library privileges  
Nahum Capen,  
Gen. F. J. Lippitt,  
and others.

Alterations  
in  
Bates Hall.

Bills Payable.

1883.

September 13, 1871.

Communication  
respecting  
Library Printing.

The usual report of the Superintendent was placed on file, and also a communication from the City Solicitor relative to the right of the Library to do its printing on the premises, which under the present contract was in his judgment inadmissible.

Attest: -  
*Julian*  
*Seay*

October 11, 1871.

Wednesday, 11 October, 1871.

No Quorum.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, and Braman, but as these gentlemen did not constitute a quorum, the following formal matters of business were attended to, subject to the approval of the Board at the next meeting.

Library closed  
after 12 M. Sept. 17th

The President reported the reasons for closing the Library after 12 M. on September 17th.

Letter from  
F. Eisfeldt.

A communication from Ferdinand Eisfeldt was placed on file.

South Boston  
Branch.

An attested order from the City Clerk relative to a conference of the Board with a Committee of the City Council upon a building for a Branch Library in South Boston was placed on file.

Privileges to  
Rev. J. M. Finotti,  
and Rev. Henry H. Fiske of Boston,  
and Rev. J. Brigham,  
and Rev. H. W. Fiske.

Rev. Jos. W. Finotti of Brookline, Wm. L. Brigham, and Rev. Henry H. Fiske of Boston, were allowed to draw four books from the Library and keep them four weeks for one year.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Braman was appointed a special Committee on Finance to examine the bills, and Messrs. Braman and Green authorized in writing the President to sign the requisition for November 1st to the amount of \$5896.62, and the same paper was subsequently signed by a majority of the Board.

The fourteenth report of the Superintendent was presented and placed on file.

Attest: -  
*Julian*  
*Seay*

1884.

Wednesday, 25 October, 1871.

October 25, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Lewis, and Braman. The President took the chair.

The Records of the last three meetings were read and severally approved and the doings confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to permit the sum of £200. sterling to the Messrs. Baring, Bros & Co., London, to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Remittance of  
£ 200. Sterling to  
Baring Bros. & Co.

Ordered, that the Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., London, be requested to place £100. sterling to the credit of Dr. Felix Flügel, with their correspondent at Leipzig.

£ 100. to F. Flügel.

A communication was received from the President relative to the closing of the Library, October 16th, from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Library closed  
October 16th, from  
11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

The fifteenth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

It was agreed that the Superintendent's reports should cover the calendar months hereafter.

Ordered that six packages of books, sealed up by order of the Trustees, June 15, 1858, should be opened, and the books assigned to the Bates Hall with three stars.

Sealed packages  
of books assigned  
to Bates Hall.

At 10.30 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: -  
*Julian*  
*Seay*

1875

November 8, 1871.

Wednesday, 8 November, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Morton, Braman,  
and Dickinson.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Privileges to  
Rev. C.E. Grinnell,  
Mr. F.P. Gray,  
and others.

The requests of Rev. Charles E. Grinnell, Mr. Frank  
I. Gray, Dr. Francis R. Staehle, Miss M. Louise Putnam, and  
Prof. L. A. Schmitt for extraordinary privileges, were granted  
under the usual conditions.

Mr. C.A. Wilson  
employed.

The President for the Committee on Books,  
announced the probationary appointment of Mr. Charles A.  
Wilson in Mr. Peck's place.

Condition of  
Trust Funds.

Mr. Braman, as a temporary Committee on  
Finance, rendered a semi-annual statement of the Trust  
Funds account; and also presented a schedule of bills  
payable at the City Treasury on the first day of December  
next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$8599.98. The  
bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable.

The sixteenth report of the Superintendent was  
ordered to be placed on file.

At 10.45 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: -

*Julius S. Lewis*

November 22, 1871.

Wednesday, 22 November, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Green, Morton, Braman, and Lewis.  
In the absence of the President Dr. Green was  
called to the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and  
approved.

1876

November 22, 1871.

A communication from the City Council relative  
to the supplying of books to libraries in Chicago, was referred  
to the Committee on Books, to report at the next meeting of  
the Board.

Com. on Books  
to report on books  
for Chicago libraries.

A request from Mr. B. Earle for extraordinary  
privileges in the Library, was referred to the Superintendent  
with full powers.

Request from  
Mr. B. Earle  
ref. to Superintendent.

General Sylvanus Thayer, of Brantree was  
allowed to take four volumes and keep them four weeks under  
the usual conditions.

Privilege to  
Gen. S. Thayer.

On motion of Mr. Morton it was  
Ordered, That inasmuch as the terms of the contract under  
which the alterations in the library building are now going  
forward, in respect to the protection of the library from dust, are  
not in their judgment carried out, and because the library is  
suffering great and irreparable damage therefrom, the Trustees  
would respectfully represent to the Committee on Public  
Buildings, that they have this day passed the following  
order, -

Protection  
of the  
Library  
from dust  
during alterations  
in the Building.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of the Public  
Library be directed to stop immediately the cleaning  
of bricks within the walls of the building, and to use  
all proper means to that end, and forthwith communicate  
his action and these orders to the Committee on Public  
Buildings.

At 10.40 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: -

*Julius S. Lewis*

Wednesday, 13 December, 1871.

December 13, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Dickinson,  
Morton and Braman.

December 13, 1871.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Privilege to Rev. S. P. Parker.

The request of the Rev. S. P. Parker, D.D. of Winchester for extraordinary privileges in the Library was granted.

Rev. J. T. Blake's privilege renewed.

The request of the Rev. J. T. Blake for a renewal of his privileges was granted, the number of volumes allowed being reduced from six to four.

Inexpedient to send books to Chicago.

The Committee on Books and Catalogues reported that it was inexpedient to take action in the suggestions of the City Council relative to the sending of books to Chicago.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Braman, as a temporary Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of January next, amounting as per cash book of this date, to \$426.67. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Communication respecting the use of the Income of the Ticknor Fund.

A communication from Mr. Wm. S. Dexter relating to the right of the library to spend the income of the Ticknor Fund in books not in, but pertaining to, the Spanish and Portuguese literatures and languages, was ordered to be placed on file.

Case of A. N. Donahoe.

A statement of the reasons why one A. N. Donahoe was excluded from the library was read by the Superintendent and it was ordered that Mr. Donahoe be denied the use of the library until he can make explanations of his conduct satisfactory to the Board.

The seventeenth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

At 10.45 the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: - J. Adams  
Secy

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1871.

December 31, 1871.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Lewis, Tutnam,

and Braman.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to the rooms hired for the South Boston Branch was ordered to be placed on file - and it was ordered, that the President request permission from the City Council for the Trustees of the Library to be allowed to contract for the necessary fixtures and other appurtenances of the South Boston Branch, in anticipation of the appropriation to be made on the annual schedule, and to the extent of \$2000.

Appropriation for the South Boston Branch anticipated.

On motion of Dr. Green it was ordered, that the President and two others to be named by him, be a Committee to fit up the South Boston Branch library, and make the necessary preparations for opening the same.

Special Com. upon the South Boston Branch.

The President named Messrs. Green and Lewis.

A communication was read from Mr. S. W. Redington relative to the surrender of the Mattapan Library as the basis of the South Boston Branch Library.

Mattapan Library to be the basis of the S. Boston Branch lib.

A year's extension was granted to W. J. Rolfe, from January 1, 1872, increasing his extraordinary privilege from one volume to three.

Privilege to W. J. Rolfe extended.

The request of Lieut. G. T. Whistler of Fort Independence for extraordinary privileges in the Library was granted.

Privilege to Lieut. G. T. Whistler.

The Special Committee who were charged with the question of establishing branches in South Boston and Roxbury were discharged.

Special Com. upon establishing Branch lib's discharged.

1871.

December 27, 1871.

Further changes in Building referred to the Committee on Building and Grounds.

Meetings of Trustees.

President to communicate vote to City Council upon sending books to Chicago.

A communication from the Superintendent relative to further changes in the Building, was referred to the Committee on Building and Grounds.

On motion of Dr. Putnam, it was Ordered, that the meetings of the Board be, until further ordered, on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 10 o'clock A.M.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, it was Ordered, that the President communicate to the City Council the vote of the Board at the last meeting, relative to the sending of books to Chicago, with the reasons therefor. At 10.45 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Witness:  
Julian  
Lay

January 8, 1872.

Monday, 8 January, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M. Present: Messrs. Greenough, Lewis, Putnam, Braman, and Green.

The President took the Chair. The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

A communication from the City Clerk, relative to the South Boston Branch, and another covering the agreement between the City of Boston and the Fellows Athenæum were ordered to be placed on file.

Mr. H. C. Dane was allowed to draw from the Library four books at a time and to keep them four weeks, if his references are satisfactory.

Rev. Edward Tyson Tenney of Braintree was allowed the ordinary privileges of the Library.

The ordinary privileges granted to Mr. Jos. B. Warner, of Cambridge were continued for one year.

South Boston Branch.

Fellows Athenæum.

Privileges to

H. C. Dane

and

Rev. E. T. Tenney.

Jos. B. Warner's

privilege continued.

1872.

January 8, 1872.

Request of H. S. Mackintosh conditionally granted.

Bills Payable

Salary of Charles A. Wilson.

Case of A. N. Donahoe.

Statute regarding the mutilation of books.

January 22, 1872.

The request of Henry S. Mackintosh of Cambridge, to be allowed to take three volumes with four weeks retention of them, was allowed if his references are satisfactory.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of February next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$5035.94. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Ordered, that the salary of Mr. Charles A. Wilson be at the rate of \$1000. per annum, from January 1, 1872.

A communication signed by A. Napoleon Donahoe, asking a hearing about the restoration of his privileges in the Library, was referred to the Superintendent with authority to grant it on probation and to report his action to the Board.

The Eighteenth Report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

Ordered, that Mr. Morton be a Committee with full powers to procure such emendation of the Statute regarding the mutilation of books in Public Libraries as may be necessary.

At 10.45 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Witness:  
Julian  
Lay

Monday, 22 January, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Putnam, Lewis, Barnes, Morton, Green and Dickinson.

In the absence of the President, Dr. Putnam was called to the Chair.

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January 22, 1872.

Privileges to Gov. Washburn during official term.

Privileges Capt. Michaelis.

Special thanks to the Mattapan Literary Association, for gift of 1500 volumes.

Superintendent to inform City Council.

Baring Bros. & Co. to remit balance to Dr. F. Flügel.

Case of A. N. Donahoe.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

His Excellency, Governor Washburn was allowed unrestricted use of the library during his official term, as to the number of volumes and the detention of them.

Capt. Michaelis of the Watertown Arsenal was allowed to draw four volumes and retain them four weeks.

A communication from Henry W. Wilson on behalf of the Mattapan Literary Association was read, whereupon it was

Ordered, that the Trustees acknowledge the opportune gift of nearly 1500 volumes from the Mattapan Literary Association; and that the collection so admirably fitted for the purpose, be as far as is practicable, assigned to the South Boston Branch.

Ordered, that this vote be transmitted to the Association in testimony of the grateful thanks of the Trustees.

The Superintendent was directed to transmit a copy of the above votes to the City Council for their information.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, it was

Ordered, that the Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., London, be requested to place the balance now remaining to the Trustees' credit in their hands, with their agent in Leipzig, to be placed to the credit of Dr. Felix Flügel.

Mr. Morton reported verbally on the progress in the legislation at the State House regarding an act for the protection of libraries against the mutilation of books.

The Superintendent read a further communication from Mr. A. N. Donahoe, and his reply thereto. The reply was approved.

At 10.45 the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:—

J. Lewis

1392.

Monday, 12 February, 1872.

February 12, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A. M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Braman, Putnam, Lewis and Pease.

There were present by invitation the following members of the Committee on the Library of the City Council:— Alderman, Cutter, Councilmen Locke, Holmes, Bradt, Fitzgerald, and Blackmer.

The President took the Chair. The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

A communication was read from the City Auditor requesting a statement of estimates for the ensuing year. On motion of Mr. Braman, it was referred to the President, Mr. Lewis, and Alderman Lettice.

The Committee made the following report.

Boston Public Library  
Feb. 12, 1872.

The Committee on Estimates beg leave to report the following orders:—

Ordered, that the following sums are in the judgment of the Trustees necessary for meeting the expenses of the Library during the coming financial year:—

Standing	\$4000.
Books	9000.
Catalogues	5500.
Fuel	1650.
Furniture	1500.
Gas	2500.
Expense (sanitorial dept.)	2000.
Printing & Stationery	4000.
Salaries	39650.
Transportation, postage, &c.	1200.
	\$71,000.

Meeting of the Trustees with Committee of the City Council.

Auditor's request for Estimates referred.

Special Committee report on Yearly Estimates.

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	\$7,100
South Boston Branch, Establishment	5,000
Maintenance one year	5,000
Roxbury Branch, Establishment	5,000
Maintenance one year	5,000
	10,000
	10,000
	\$9,000

Ordered, that the sum of Twelve Hundred dollars can, in the judgment of the Trustees, be contributed towards the "Ways and Means."

The Committee append hereto a schedule of the appropriations for the present year, and of the expenses of the Library during the first ten months of the year now in progress. They annex also a statement of the reasons, which induce them to recommend the several changes in the appropriations, where they are different from last year's estimates.

Respectfully submitted,

The schedule and statement of reasons accompanying the same were ordered to be placed on file.

The orders reported by the Committee were unanimously adopted.

The following communication from the City Clerk was read

City of Boston.  
City Clerk's office, City Hall.  
Feb 8 1872.

Trustees elected.

This is to certify — That Samuel Little of the Board of Aldermen and Frederic Pease of the Common Council have been duly elected by concurrent votes of the City Council, Trustees of the Public Library for the present Municipal Year and until others are chosen in their stead.

Signed L. F. McKeary, City Clerk.

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February 12, 1872.

The requests of J. B. Tileston and Swan C. Wenzel for extraordinary privileges were granted, if the applicants presented statements satisfactory to the Superintendent.

Privileges to J. B. Tileston and Swan C. Wenzel.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of March next, amounting as per cash book of this date, to \$5084.87. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, it was Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to Messrs. Paring Bros. & Co., London, to be placed to the credit of the Trustees, the sum of (£79-1-9) Seventy-nine pounds, one shilling and nine pence.

Remittance of £79-1-9 to Paring Bros. & Co.

The Superintendent reported that he had enforced the order of the Board excluding Mr. A. N. Donahoe from the Library, inasmuch as under the probation allowed him, he had drawn a book for Hall use, and taken it from the Hall.

Case of A. N. Donahoe.

The nineteenth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, it was Ordered, that the Committee of the City Council on the library be invited to meet with the Board at their regular meetings, and that notices be sent to the members of it in due form for each meeting.

Com. of City Council to be invited to meet with the Trustees.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, it was Ordered, that the Trustees recommend to the City Council that the salary attached to the Superintendency of the Library, be increased by \$500.; and that the President communicate this recommendation to the City Council.

Salary of the Superintendent.

At 11.25 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: — Julius Sey



1395.  
February 26, 1872.

Monday, 26 February, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Putnam, Morton,  
Little, Green, Lewis, Braman, and Bradt.

There were present from the Board of Aldermen  
Messrs. Stackpole and Jenks of the Committee on the Library.

The President took the chair.

Minutes of the Record of the last meeting were  
read.

The following communication from the City  
Clerk was read.

City of Boston.  
City Clerk's Office, City Hall.  
Feb'y 19, 1872.

This is to certify

That Herman D. Bradt of the  
Common Council has been duly elected a Trustee of the  
Public Library for the present Municipal year and until  
another is chosen in his stead.

Signed J. F. Mc Cleary,  
City Clerk.

Privileges to  
Daniel Appleton,  
Rev. Henry Giles,  
and  
Mr. L. S. Giles.

The ordinary privileges of the Library were  
granted to Daniel Appleton, architect, a non-resident, to be  
confined to books in the line of his professional studies.

The ordinary privileges of the Library were  
granted to the Rev. Henry Giles, and to Mrs. Louisa S. Giles  
of Hyde Park.

Privilege continued to  
R. Bliss, jr.

The ordinary privileges of the Library were  
continued for one year, to Richard Bliss, jr., of the  
Zoological Museum, Cambridge.

Dr. Putnam offered the following order:

Ordered, That the Superintendent in behalf of this Board,  
be authorized to consult with the Trustees of the Fellows  
Athenaeum, as occasion may offer, respecting the plan and

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arrangements of the Library building to be erected by said  
Trustees under the agreement with the City Council.

The order was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Little, it was  
Ordered, That the agreement entered into between the City  
and the Trustees of the Fellows Athenaeum, and all  
matters arising out of the same, be referred to a Committee  
of three, to consider and report at a special meeting of the  
Board, to be called by the President.

The President appointed on that Committee  
Messrs. Morton, Green and Pease, and on motion of Mr.  
Little, the President was added to the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was  
Ordered, That the President be requested to name the  
Chairman of the Examining Committee, and that the  
President and such Chairman be a Committee to nominate  
to the Board five citizens to constitute such Committee;  
and also to report the names of five substitutes.

The President named Mr. Lewis for the  
Chairmanship.

The President appointed Mr. Pease on the  
Committee on Books and Catalogues, and on the Special  
Committee on the East Boston Branch, and Mr. Bradt  
on the Committee on Finance.

At 11.10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: - James  
Ley

Friday, 1 March, 1872.

A Special meeting of the Trustees was held in  
the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Lewis, Little, Green,  
Putnam, and Braman.

Matters relating  
to the  
Fellows Athenaeum  
referred  
to a  
Special  
Committee.

Nomination  
of  
Examining  
Committee  
for 1872.

Vacancies  
on Committees  
filled by the  
President.

March 1, 1872.

Special meeting.

1897.  
March 1, 1872.

Mr. Burditt of the Common Council was also present.

The President took the Chair.

It was stated by Dr. Putnam on behalf of the Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum, that inasmuch as there were in the indenture between the City of Boston and the Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum certain claims granted to said Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum, which on further consideration had been held prejudicial to the interests of the City, - the Trustees of said Athenæum were prepared to file with the City Government a waiver of all such claims; and after conference, it becoming clearly understood what such waiver should cover, in the judgment of this Board, it was thereupon

Waiver of Claims by the Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum.

President to prepare form for signature.

Ordered, that the President prepare in due form a waiver covering the concessions named in the letters of Dr. Putnam so far as the Board had decided them to be essential; and that he submit it for signature to the Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum, to be by them filed with the proper department of the City Government.

Plans of proposed alterations in the Lower Hall to be transmitted to Com. on Public Buildings of the City Council.

Plans, showing proposed alterations in the Lower Hall, and as drawn out by C. L. Kirby, were then laid before the Board and were referred to the Committee on Building and Grounds who reported subsequently, that in consideration of the comparatively low estimates (\$6000.) and the immediate wants of the library, they would offer an order, which was then unanimously passed as follows.

Ordered, that the plans submitted to the Board be approved, and that the decision of the Board be transmitted to the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council.

At 12.15 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: - J. Winsor, Secy

Monday, 11 March, 1872.

1898.  
March 11, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Little, Lewis, Pease, Green and Braman of the Trustees, and Messrs. Burditt and Locke of the Common Council.

The President took the Chair.

Minutes of the last two meetings were read.

Professor W. S. Shaler of Cambridge was allowed to take two volumes from the Library and to keep them four weeks.

Privileges to Prof. W. S. Shaler,

Mr. G. A. Ellis was allowed to take three volumes and to keep them four weeks.

Mr. G. A. Ellis, and John D. Perry.

John B. Perry, of the Zoological Museum, Cambridge, was allowed to take two volumes and to keep them four weeks.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of April next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$5896.49. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Lewis requested for the Committee on Finance, further time to consider the pay-roll for the ensuing year.

The President reported verbally the opinion of the City Solicitor upon the proposed waiver of claims by the Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum; and that he had sent to such Trustees, a form of vote in accordance with the advice of the City Solicitor, but that no reply had been received.

Fellows Athenæum.

The Report of the President was laid on the table, and he was further requested to draft a suitable supplemental indenture to be signed jointly by the city and by the Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum, annulling the clauses deemed objectionable, and to transmit it to the Committee on the Library of the City Council, and to

President to amend form of Waiver & recommend its passage by the City Council.

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recommend on behalf of this Board, its passage by the City Council.

The following letter was read:—

Boston, March 7, 1872.

To the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston:

Gentlemen:

It having been announced that you are desirous of forming a collection of books and other objects connected with the history of Benjamin Franklin, it has occurred to me that such a collection would be the most fitting repository for a valuable original portrait of him, by Greuze, which I possess.

This portrait I purchased some years since, in London. It was painted for Mr. Oswald, British Ambassador to France, who was associated with Franklin in the negotiation of the Provisional Articles of Nov. 30, 1782, acknowledging the Independence of the United States. The gentleman of whom I bought it, Mr. Joseph Parkes, an eminent lawyer, and well known in London for his literary ability, received it from the late Mr. George Oswald, M.P. for Glasgow, and grand-nephew of the Ambassador, in consideration of valuable legal services rendered.

I take pleasure in offering this portrait to the Public Library, with the single condition that it always shall be kept in the Library, and where it can be freely seen by visitors. If you decide to accept it on these terms, I shall be happy to place it in your charge.

I enclose an interesting paper, written by the Hon. Charles Sumner, together with some other documents relating to the portrait, all of which are at the service of the Library if you wish to preserve them on file as evidence of its authenticity.

Respectfully Yours,

Signature Gardner Brewer.

Letter from Gardner Brewer, Esq. presenting a Portrait of Benjamin Franklin by Greuze.

Original preserved in special volume of Documents regarding the Picture.

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Accepted.

Secretary to Communicate Resolution to Mr. Brewer.

The conditions were acceded to, and it was Ordered, that the accompanying documents be preserved in the Archives of the Library, and the Secretary was directed to communicate to Mr. Brewer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Public Library acknowledge with much gratification the generous addition to the treasures of the institution by their fellow-citizen Gardner Brewer, of the very valuable contemporary portrait of Benjamin Franklin, interesting not only as a fine specimen of art by Greuze, but also as one of the few original portraits of one of the most celebrated Bostonians and Americans.

The Twentieth Report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Lewis the following preamble and order were passed, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the same to the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council.

Whereas in the judgment of this Board the library is not adequately protected from fire by the single iron shutters which are attached to the inner side of the wall at the new windows of the Bates Hall under the contract for the alteration of said Hall, it is therefore

Ordered, that the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to consider the expediency of providing for said windows, an exterior range of shutters, so that an air chamber shall exist between the outer and inner shutters.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Nominating an Examining Committee, reported the following names, which were accepted:—

- Col. Charles S. Greene,
- Rev. W. H. H. Murray,
- John C. Popes, Esq.,
- Daniel S. Curtis, Esq.,
- Charles E. Buckingham, M.D.

Preamble and Order, Communicated to Com. of Pub. Bldg. respecting an exterior range of Shutters for windows of Bates Hall.

Examining Committee appointed 1872.

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It was stated that Col. Green declined to serve, and James T. Fields had accepted in his place. The following gentlemen were accepted as further substitutes.

- Rev. A. A. Miner, D. D.,
  - D. L. Gilchrist, Esq.,
  - Wm. Endicott, jr., Esq.,
  - Charles E. Ware, M. D.
- At 11.10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: -  
J. Wilson  
Clerk

March 25, 1872.

Monday, 25 March, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A. M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Bradt, Pease, Putnam, Lewis, and Braman; and Messrs. Jenks and Stackpole of the Board of Aldermen.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read; and the records of two meetings previously not having been approved by the Board, in their engrossed form, Mr. Pease was appointed to compare them with the minutes, and report at the next meeting.

The following communication was received from the City Clerk:

Communication from City Clerk respecting Modifications of the Agreement with the Fellows Athenæum.

City of Boston.  
In Board of Aldermen.  
March 18, 1872.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized with the concurrence of the Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum at Roxbury, to make such modifications in the agreement

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entered into on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1871, between the City of Boston and the said Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum as the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston may approve.

Passed: Sent down for concurrence.  
March 21. Came up concurred.  
Approved by the Mayor, March 23, 1872.

A true copy

Attest:  
[Signed] S. F. McCreary,  
City Clerk.

The Committee on Finance presented the Pay Roll for the year, which after subsequent modifications was adopted as follows: -

Central Library		Names and Amounts to constitute the Pay Roll, 1872-73.
W. A. Wheeler	\$ 2500.	
Edw. Capen	2000.	
Jas. L. Whitney	1800.	
M. Auerbach	1200.	
W. H. Foster	1400.	
Jos. Lykes	1500.	
W. E. Ford	1500.	
E. Bradshaw	1100.	
Thos. Collins	780.	
C. A. Wilson	1000.	
A. P. C. Griffin	520.	
J. L. Cupples	208.	
J. Q. Williams	30 to 50 cts per hour according to discretion of the Supt.	
C. F. Linness	208.	
John Bresnahan	188.	
by vacancy	156.	

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Mrs. Barton	\$ 800.
Caroline F. Adams	700.
L. S. Norton	625.
Lydia F. Knowles	600.
C. E. Poire	600.
H. N. Pike	600.
A. A. Nichols	600.
M. E. Joslyne	750.
A. M. Poire	600.
Elij. S. Halsey	600.
M. McGrath	525.
A. B. Loud	525.
E. J. Stevenson	550.
W. A. Tyler	525.
L. A. Mack	416.
Elij. J. Mack	416.
Elij. Ross	312.
L. A. W. Linness	400.
Margaret McGrath	400.
M. J. Ross	260.
A. W. Kennedy	156.
E. E. Bresnahan	180.
Ella Stevenson	156.
Amelia McGrath	156.
Flora C. Linness	52.
Henrietta S. Mack	52.
Elij. F. Potter	156.
Ellen F. McCarthy	156.
Mrs. Eastman 2/ per hour.	

East Boston.

A. W. Trask	900.
L. C. Godbold	600.
Mary R. Pray	500.
A. J. Tracy	500.
M. E. Cathcart	156.

Mrs. Kean	\$ 600.
Clara F. Mullahey	500.
L. Annie Baldwin	500.
Nora McCarthy	156.
Janitor	vacant.
(Binder)	
Peter Low	\$ 22. weekly
A. W. Blake	20. "
Mrs. Wheeler	9.50 "

A copy of the new law as passed by the legislature regarding the mutilation of books was ordered to be placed on file.

It was ordered that the meetings of the Board be hereafter on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The President was requested to extend an invitation to the Mayor and City Council to meet the Trustees for inspecting the library, on Friday next, at 12 o'clock.

At 10.45 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: - J. J. Linness  
Lay

Wednesday, 11 April, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A. M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Putnam, and Norton, but not constituting a quorum, they proceeded to business subject to the confirmation of the Board at a full meeting.

The President took the Chair.

1404.  
March 25, 1872.

New Law regarding the mutilation of books.

Meetings of Trustees.

Mayor & City Council to meet the Trustees & inspect the Library.

April 11, 1872.

No Quorum.

1405  
April 11, 1872.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Superintendent reported in behalf of Mr. Pease, that the engrossed records of the past meetings were correct.

South Boston Branch.

A communication from the Treasurer of the South Boston Savings Bank, addressed to the Mayor, and communicated by him to the Board, stating that the rent of the rooms for the South Boston Branch begun April 1st, was ordered to be placed on file.

J. H. Smith's request not granted.

The request of James H. Smith of Cambridgeport for extraordinary privileges was not granted.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Morton, as a temporary Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of May next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$8470.66.

The members present joined in an authorization for the President to sign the requisition, and a majority of the Board subsequently signed the same.

Condition of Trust Funds.

Mr. Morton on behalf of the Committee on Finance presented the usual Annual Statement of the Trust Funds Accounts, which was ordered to be placed on file.

Will of the late Daniel Treadwell in favor of the Library.

The President presented a copy of the Will of the late Daniel Treadwell, under which the Library on the death of his widow, it was thought, would come into the possession of about \$2000. The President was requested to notify the City Council of the fact and to address an acknowledgment to the Executors.

The twenty-first report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

President to sanction agreement with Fellowes Athenaeum.

The President was authorized on behalf of the Board, to give his sanction to the contemplated Supplemental agreement between the City of Boston and the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenaeum.

At 12 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: - Julius  
Secy

1406  
Wednesday, 24 April, 1872.

April 24, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Maman, Putnam, and Morton.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read, and the action of the meeting confirmed.

The request of the Rev. Addison P. Foster, of Malden for the ordinary privileges of the Library was allowed, that of Mr. Joshua Kendall of Cambridge was not allowed.

Requests of Rev. A. P. Foster and Joshua Kendall.

A communication from sundry residents of South Boston, requesting that some formal dedication of the South Boston Branch be held, was referred to the Special Committee on the South Boston Branch with full powers.

Request for formal dedication of S. Boston Branch referred.

At 11.30 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:

Julius  
Secy

Wednesday, 15 May, 1872.

May 15, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Pease, Green, Hillard, and Lewis.

The following communication from the City Clerk was read.

City of Boston.

City Clerk's Office, City Hall.

April 11, 1872.

This is to certify that William W. Greenough and George L. Hillard have been duly elected by concurrent vote of the City Council Trustees at large of the Public Library for three years from the first Monday in May, 1872.

Wm. W. Greenough and Geo. L. Hillard elected Trustees.

[Signed]

L. F. McKeary,

City Clerk.

1407.  
May 15, 1872.

Mr. Greenough  
Chosen President

On a ballot for President for the ensuing year, W. W. Greenough received four votes out of five, and on motion of Mr. Lewis, the choice was made unanimous.

The President took the chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

By Laws, etc.  
provisionally adopted by him  
ref. to a Committee  
for revision.

Ordered, that the President and two others to be named hereby provisionally adopted.

The President named Messrs. Lewis and Morton.

Special Committee  
to be continued  
as now existing.

On motion of Mr. Pease it was Ordered, that all Special Committees be continued as now existing.

Meetings of  
Trustees.

On motion of Dr. Green it was Ordered, that the regular meetings of the Board be upon the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 11 o'clock A. M.

Library privileges  
to  
Mr. Braman.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was Ordered, that the Board recognize gratefully the faithful services of Mr. Braman, their associate during four years, and extend to him the freedom of the Library.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following orders which were adopted.

Remittance of  
Baring Bros & Co.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to place with the Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co., London, Three Hundred pounds sterling to the credit of the Trustees.

£100 to F. Fligel.

Ordered, that the Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., London, be requested to place with their agent at Leipzig, subject to the drafts of Dr. Felix Fligel, the sum of One Hundred pounds.

1408.

May 15, 1872.

Ordered, that the Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co., London, be requested to place with their agent at Florence, subject to the drafts of Signor Eugenio Alberi, the sum of One Hundred pounds.

£100 to E. Alberi.

The special privilege cards of Alexander Young and Dr. Warren Webster were continued for one year.

Special privilege to  
A. Young & Dr. Webster  
continued.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, on the first day of June next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$9204.87. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable.

The Superintendent reported on the absence of John Wresnahan, Bates Hall, runner.

Absence of  
John Wresnahan.

Mr. Lewis, from the Special Committee on the South Boston Branch, reported that the ceremonies of dedication would take place at Wait's Hall on Thursday evening, May 16.

Dedication of  
So. Boston Branch

The President announced the Standing Committees as follows:-

Standing  
Committees

- Administration, Messrs. Putnam, Hillard, Lewis.
- Buildings and Grounds. " Green, Little, Pease.
- Books and Catalogues. " Greenough, Hillard, Morton, Green.
- Finance. " Lewis, Little, Pratt.

appointed  
1872-73.  
also,

The Special Committee for the Roxbury Branch was constituted as follows:-  
Messrs. Greenough, Hillard, Putnam, Little, and Lewis.

Special Com. for  
Roxbury Branch

A petition of Elbridge Bradshaw and other attendants of the Lower Hall, asking for an additional evening, between six and eight o'clock, weekly, was referred to the Committee on Administration, to consider and report.

Petition of  
Lower Hall attend.  
referred to the  
Com. on Administr.

The Superintendent presented his Annual Report, and his monthly report for April.

Superintendent's  
Annual Report.

1409.  
May 15, 1872.

At 12 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: -  
Julius  
Secy

May 22, 1872.

Wednesday, 22 May, 1872.

No Quorum.

Messrs. Greenough, Morton, and Putnam of the Board met in the Library at 11 o'clock, but not constituting a quorum the meeting was adjourned.

Attest: -  
Julius  
Secy

May 31, 1872.

Friday, 31 May, 1872.

Special Meeting of Trustees.

A Special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 12 o'clock at the request of Alderman Little, and Mr. Hillard.

Present, Messrs. Hillard, Green, Putnam, Pease, and Pratt.

Mr. Hillard elected Pres. pro tem. was chosen to act as President till Mr. Greenough's return. The President took the Chair.

A letter from Mr. Apthorp relative to the views of Trustees on proposed occupancy of the Richardson estate for warehousing purposes was read, and the Secretary was instructed to communicate the views of the Trustees on this proposal to the Committee on Public Buildings.

At 12.30 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: - Julius  
Secy

The following communication was subsequently sent by the Secretary.

31 May, 1872.

Alderman Hayward, -  
Chairman Com. on Pub. Bldgs.  
Sir, -

At a meeting of the Trustees held this day, I was instructed to communicate to you their opinion, that the proposed occupancy for warehousing purposes of the Richardson Estate, would be greatly detrimental to the interests of the Library, which would be deprived thereby of much-needed light in the Lower Hall and in the Fine Arts Room; while what is to be gained in the Bates Hall by the windows now making on that side of the building, would be in very large degree of no effect.

They accordingly desire that the matter shall receive your prompt consideration, and that such action may be taken by the City Council as shall be compatible with the interests of the city.

Very respectfully,  
[Signed] J. Winsor.  
Secy.

Wednesday, 12 June, 1872.

June 12, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock a.m. Present, Messrs. Hillard, Green, Lewis, and Morton.

The President took the Chair. The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mr. Lewis presented the report of the Examining Committee.

Reports of the Examining Com.

1410.  
May 31, 1872  
Copy of Communication sent by the Secretary.



June 12, 1872.

and Superintendent, to be appended to the Report of the Trustees and transmitted to the City Council.

Mr. Hillard read the Report of the Trustees. On motion of Mr. Lewis it was Ordered, That after the Report of the Trustees is signed by the members of the Board, the Reports of the Examining Committee and of the Superintendent be appended to the same, and that the whole be transmitted to the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Morton it was Ordered, That upon the receipt of the official notice from the City Clerk of the order lately passed by the City Council regarding the opening of the Reading Rooms on Sunday, the Superintendent proceed to carry such order into effect, and report to the Board at the next meeting, such experimental provisions as he shall make.

The following communication from the City Clerk was read.

City of Boston.  
In Board of Aldermen.  
June 4, 1872.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library cause to be printed an account of the proceedings at the recent dedication of the South Boston Branch Library, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Printing.

Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. June 6, Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor. June 7, 1872.

A true copy  
Attest: L. F. McCleary,  
City Clerk.

The Board ordered that 1000 copies of the "Proceedings" be printed.

1000 copies of the Proceedings at the Dedication of the South Boston Branch to be printed.

June 12, 1872.

The following communication was received from the City Clerk.

City of Boston.  
In Board of Aldermen, May 13, 1872.

The Joint Standing Committee on the Public Library, to whom was referred the communication from His Honor the Mayor, in relation to the bequest made to the Public Library of the City of Boston, by the late Professor Treadwell of Cambridge, having considered the subject would respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying orders.

For the Committee,  
L. R. Cutler, Chairman.

Communication and Orders relative to the Treadwell Bequest.

Ordered: That the bequest to the Public Library of the City of Boston, named in the ninth article of the will of Daniel Treadwell of Cambridge, Engineer, and late Rumford Professor in Harvard College, be, and the same is hereby accepted, and that the Trustees of the Library be authorized to receive said bequest when it becomes due, and invest the amount received in bonds of said city, and expend the income in such manner as they may deem for the best interests of the Library.

Ordered: That the Trustees of the Public Library be requested to make a suitable acknowledgment of this generous contribution to the funds of the Library by the late Professor Treadwell, whose distinguished services in the application of science to the useful arts have given him a high position among public benefactors.

Passed: Sent down for concurrence.  
L. Little, Chairman.

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June 12, 1872

In Common Council, May 16, 1872.

Concurred. W. F. Dickinson, Jr.  
President.

Approved, May 17, 1872.

Wm. Gaston, Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest:

(Signed) V. F. McCleary  
City Clerk.

Action of the  
City Council  
to be  
communicated  
to the  
Executor.

On motion of Mr. Morton it was  
Ordered, that the action of the City Council in relation  
to the Treadwell bequest be communicated to the executor  
of the estate, as supplemental to the resolutions of gratitude  
already passed by the Board and communicated in due  
course to said executor.

Rev. G. H. Vibbert's  
request granted.

The request of the Rev. George H. Vibbert of  
East Boston for extraordinary privileges was granted.

Request of  
Albert F. Hall  
referred.

The request of Albert F. Hall for extraordinary  
privileges was referred to the Superintendent with full  
powers.

Proposal  
for  
disposing of the  
Barton Library  
withdrawn.

A communication from Mrs. Cora Livingston  
Barton withdrawing her proposal for disposing of the  
library of her late husband was read. It was stated that  
the only responses, outside of the Board, to a circular which  
had been issued, were from H. P. Kidder, \$1000, Thomas G.  
Appleton, esq., \$1000, Wm. Amory, esq. \$200, and G. R. Mudge, esq.  
\$100. The Secretary was directed to return the catalogues  
as requested by Mrs. Barton, and to place the documents  
on file.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance,  
reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury  
on the first day of July next, amounting as per cash book  
of this date to \$5926.21. The bills having been examined  
were allowed by the Board.

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June 12, 1872.

Mr. Lewis presented a letter from the Messrs.  
Daring Bros. & Co. to W. Paige, rectifying a mistake of  
theirs in the Library's account, which was ordered to be placed  
on file.

Mistake in  
Daring Bros. Co.'s  
account, rectified.  
Library closed  
at noon on  
Decoration Day.

The Superintendent stated that by direction of  
the President, and on the petition of the Library attendants  
the Library was closed at noon on Decoration Day.

Mr. Morton presented the following report:-

The Special Committee to whom was referred the  
Regulations and Bylaws of the Library for the year 1872-3  
respectfully report

Special Com.  
on the  
Regulations & Bylaws  
for 1872-3  
report that  
no change is  
expedient.

That in their judgment, no change from those  
at present in force, is expedient.

(Signed) W. W. Greenough  
Ellis W. Morton  
Wreston Lewis.

Committee

Public Library, 20 May, 1872.

The report was accepted.

The Secretary stated that in accordance  
with the decision of a majority of the Board, he had  
arranged for granting an additional two hours weekly,  
between 8 and 10 o'clock to attendants of the Lower Falls,  
beginning on the first of June.

Extra time  
granted to  
attendants of the  
Lower Hall.

A petition was presented, signed by  
Library attendants asking that the library may be closed  
"during a part of the jubilee time". The prayer of the  
petitioners was unanimously rejected.

Petition for  
closing the Library  
during "jubilee time"  
rejected.

The twenty-third report of the Superintendent  
was ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Dr. Green it was  
Ordered, that during the months of June, July, August,  
and September, the second regular meeting in each month  
be omitted.

2d. regular meeting  
to be omitted  
during June, July,  
August & September.

1415  
June 12, 1872.

At 12.30 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: J. W. W. W.  
Ley

July 11, 1872.

Thursday, 11 July, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock a.m.  
Present, Messrs. Hillard, Bradt, Green, and Little.  
The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The following communications were received from the City Clerk:—

Communication relative to the purchase of the Richardson Estate

City of Boston.  
In Board of Aldermen, June 10, 1872.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings beg leave to report that the Trustees of the Public Library have called their attention to the fact that the estate adjoining the Public Library on the east side known as the Richardson Estate is in the market for sale; the estate contains about 3400 feet of land and can be purchased for the sum of \$7,000.00 as the communication submitted with this report will show. Looking to the future increase in the demand for library room, the Committee think it advisable that the city should be the owner of said estate, and further in case the property should pass into other hands and be remodelled for business purposes, all the expenditure for light and room on the east side of the library would be useless. With this estate also passes a right-of-way to Tremont St. over a five foot passage way. The Committee would recommend the passage of the accompanying orders.

For the Committee,  
William Hayward, Chairman.

1416  
July 11, 1872.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized to purchase the Richardson Estate so called, adjoining the Public Library for the sum of \$7,000.00

Orders to purchase for \$7,000.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow under the direction of the Committee on Finance the sum of seventy thousand dollars to be applied to the purchase of the Richardson estate adjoining the Public Library.

Read twice & passed. Yeas 11. Nays none.  
Sent down for concurrence.  
S. Little, Chairman.

In Common Council, June 13, 1872.  
Concurred, Yeas 47, Nays none.  
W. F. Dickinson, Jr. President.

Approved, June 14, 1872.  
Wm. Gaston, Mayor.

A true copy,  
Attest:  
J. F. Mc Cleary  
City Clerk.

City of Boston.  
In Board of Aldermen,  
June 14, 1872.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized to make alterations in

Alterations to be made

1417  
July 11, 1872.  
in the  
Delivery Room.

the delivery room of the Public Library Building according to plans which have been approved by the Trustees of the Public Library.  
Ordered.

City Auditor  
to  
appropriate  
\$500.00

That the Auditor of Accounts be authorized to transfer from the Reserved Fund the sum of Fifty-five hundred dollars to be appropriated for the alterations of the Public Library Building.  
Passed in Common Council. Yeas 50. Nays, none.  
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.  
Yeas 12. Nays, none. Approved by the Mayor, June 15, 1872.

A true copy  
Attest:  
[Signed] L. F. McCleary  
City Clerk.

City of Boston.  
City Clerk's Office, City-Hall.  
June 15, 1872.

Justin Winsor, Esq.  
Supt. Pub. Library of City of Boston.

Mayor's order  
to close  
Public Buildings  
on the  
17th inst.

The various public offices and buildings connected with the Municipal Government of this City, will be closed on Monday next, the 17th inst. at 12 o'clock M.

By order of the Mayor  
[Signed] L. F. McCleary  
City Clerk.

The Superintendent read the following endorsement on this order of the Mayor:-

Library  
not  
closed.

In view of a vote of the Trustees, refusing to close the library on any day of the jubilee celebration, and acting with the approval of the President of the Board, as shown by his note herewith, and in view of the fact

that the ordinance gives the power of reversing the decisions of the Trustees to the City Council and not to the Mayor, - I paid no attention to the within order.

[Signed] J. Winsor,  
Superintendent.

June 17, 72.

The action of the Superintendent was approved.

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July 11, 1872.

Action of  
Superintendent  
approved.

Mr. Little, from the Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of August next, amounting as per cash book of this date, to \$4607.12. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable.

On motion on Mr. Green, it was Ordered, that the Board meet hereafter on Tuesdays at 11 o'clock A.M.

Board to meet  
on Tuesdays at  
11 o'clock A.M.

On motion of Mr. Pratt, it was Ordered, that a Special meeting of the Board be held to consider the expediency of opening the library on Sunday, at Wednesday next at 11 o'clock.

The Twenty-fourth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

At 11.25 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:  
J. Winsor  
Superintendent

Note - The meeting was held on Thursday instead of Wednesday, by direction of the President.

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July 17, 1872  
Special meeting  
to consider the  
expediency  
of  
opening the Library  
on  
Sunday.

Wednesday, 17 July, 1872.  
A Special meeting of the Trustees was held in  
the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Hillard, Putnam, Green,  
Little, Pease, and Lewis.  
The President took the Chair.  
The Secretary presented the following:—

Miss Pike and  
A.W. Trask  
absent beyond  
six weeks.  
Mr. Hisea substituting  
for Mr. Trask.  
John Bresnahan  
returned to duty.

July 17, 1872  
Miss F. N. Pike of the Bates Hall service, and Mr.  
A.W. Trask, the janitor of the East Boston Branch  
have been absent from sickness beyond the six weeks  
during which they are allowed pay.  
Mr. Hisea is substituting for Mr. Trask at a cost  
to the library of \$2.50 per day.  
John Bresnahan, Bates Hall runner before reported  
absent over six weeks from sickness has returned to duty.  
[Signed] J. Winsor  
Supt.

Privilege to  
Virginia Vaughan.

The privilege of taking four volumes from  
the library and keeping them four weeks was granted  
to Virginia Vaughan.

Inexpedient  
to open the  
Libraries  
on  
Sunday.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, it was after full  
discussion unanimously  
Ordered, That it is inexpedient under existing circumstances  
for this Board to take any action at present on the  
question of opening the libraries on Sunday.  
At 11.55 the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:  
Julius  
Ly

1420.  
August 13, 1872.  
Tuesday, 13 August, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Hillard, Green, Lewis, and Pease.  
The President took the Chair.  
The Records of the last two meetings were read  
and approved.  
The following communication was read from  
the City Clerk:—

City of Boston.  
In the year One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy-two

An Ordinance  
in relation to the Records of Public Institutions  
and Departments.

An  
Ordinance  
in relation to  
the  
Records  
of  
Public Institutions  
and  
Departments.

Be it ordained by the Aldermen and Common Council  
of the City of Boston, in City Council assembled, as  
follows:—

Section T. Under the direction of the several boards  
having charge of the public institutions at South Boston  
and Deer Island, the City Hospital, the Public Library,  
the Water Department, the Pauper Department, Mount  
Hope Cemetery, and the Ferry Department, the records  
and files of said institutions and departments shall  
be open for public inspection and examination, and  
any persons may take copies thereof; provided, however,  
that the medical records of the City Hospital shall not  
be included among the records open to public inspection,  
unless by special vote of the City Council.

In Board of Aldermen, May 30, 1872.  
Presid. sent down for concurrence.  
L. Little, Chairman.

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August 13, 1872

In Common Council, May 23, 1872.

Concurred.

M. F. Dickinson Jr. President.

Approved, May 24, 1872.

Wm. Gaston, Mayor.

A true copy

Attest:

[Signed]

J. F. Mc Cleary

City Clerk.

Minutes of the Secretary, not the Records of the Board.

It was decided that the minutes of the Secretary could not be considered as the Records of the Board, until approved by the Board.

The following preamble was adopted and the order passed unanimously:—

Pates Hall Shelving wrongly cut down.

Whereas Mr. Kirby, the Superintendent of the alterations in the Pates Hall has ordered the Contractors to cut down certain shelving in the front part of the alcoves which it was not desired by the Trustees to have cut down, and whereas he gave this order after he had been informed through the Superintendent of the Library and the head carpenter of the wishes of the Trustees.

Mr. Kirby to replace it.

Therefore Ordered, That a statement of the facts be communicated to the Committee on Public Buildings, with a request that said shelving be replaced

Rev. J. O. Means request granted.

The request of the Rev. John O. Means for extraordinary privileges was granted.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of September next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$6935.20. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

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August 13, 1872

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was Ordered, That the Messrs. Daring Brothers & Co, London, be requested to place with their agent at Leipzig the credit of Dr. Felix Flugel, the balance now remaining to the credit of the Trustees in their hands.

Daring Bros & Co. to remit balance of Library funds to Dr. F. Flugel.

The Twenty-fifth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

At 12 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest:

J. Lewis  
Secy

Tuesday, 10 September, 1872

September 10, 1872

Messrs. Fillard, Green, and Pease met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M., and not constituting a quorum, they informally directed the Superintendent to grant a card to Miss Georgia Hamlen, and deferred the consideration of the request of the Rev. L. W. Voorhees. They approved the requisition [No. 54] and directed the Superintendent to get the approval of a majority of the Board.

No Quorum.

Business informally transacted.

Attest:

J. Lewis  
Secy

Tuesday, 15 October, 1872.

October 15, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Fillard, Green, Putnam, and Pease.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the August meeting was read and approved, and the action of the members

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October 15, 1872.

present at the informal meeting in September was confirmed.

Requests of Prof. Lanza & others granted. Of A. H. Louis laid on table.

The requests of Prof. Lanza, Rev. Dr. Edward Strong, Prof. George A. Hill, and the Rev. H. W. Foote for extraordinary privileges were granted. The request of A. H. Louis was laid on the table.

Use of the library granted to non-resident students of the Harvard Med. Sc.

The use of the Library was granted to non-resident students of the Harvard Medical School, during such times as the faculty should agree in each case to make the library secure against loss, as was expressed in the note of Dr. Ellis, dean of the Faculty, which was ordered to be placed on file.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Pease, as a Special Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of November next, amounting as per cash book of this date, to \$7407.59. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

The Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh reports of the Superintendent were ordered to be placed on file.

The following Preamble and Resolves were adopted.

Resolutions of the Trustees upon the death of the Hon. John P. Digelow.

Whereas the Hon. John Prescott Digelow, an early and constant friend of the Public Library, died in this city on the 4th day of July, last, after a long life of private worth and valuable public service, therefore,

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Public Library desire to place on the Records of that institution an expression of their sense of what the library owed to him in life, and has lost by his death. During the three years in which he was mayor, he gave his zealous personal and official influence to the formation of a free city library. To this object he also devoted a sum of money raised as a personal testimonial to himself, which was in date the first donation to this purpose.

For the sixteen years he acted as trustee he was always faithful to his charge, regular in his attendance, and ever ready to give his best service.

Resolved that the Superintendent be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased.

It was ordered that the next meeting be upon Tuesday, October 29th.

At 12 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: J. Deussen

Tuesday, 29 October, 1872

1424.  
October 15, 1872.

A copy to be transmitted to his family.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Hillard, and Green, and while not constituting a quorum, they authorized the Superintendent to continue the extraordinary privileges granted to Dr. T. M. Brewer, and laid on the table the application of the Rev. A. M. Haskell of West Roxbury.

They directed the salary of Miss Cotter the Lower Hall Monitor, to be \$4.00 per week, beginning November 1st.

Their action is subject to the confirmation of the Board at the next meeting.

Attest: J. Deussen

October 29, 1872

No Quorum.

Dr. Brewer's privilege cont'd. Request of the Rev. A. M. Haskell.

Miss Cotter's salary to be \$4.00 per week. These actions to be confirmed by the Board.

November 12, 1872

Tuesday, 12 November, 1872

No Quorum At a meeting regularly called for the day, no one appeared except Dr. Green, who signed a paper authorizing the President to approve the requisition for the first of December, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$6172.96; and a majority of the Board subsequently signed the same paper.

The absence of the members was occasioned by the recent great fire of November 9th and 10th.

Attest: J. Green Secy

November 26, 1872

Tuesday, 26 November, 1872

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Pratt, Green, Pease, and Willard.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last regular meeting and the minutes of the last two informal meetings were read, and the action of these latter meetings approved.

Letter from the Supt. of Printing respecting the loss by the Library at the late fire.

A letter was read from the Superintendent of printing, mentioning the loss of printing and covering paper by the fire, amounting to \$1200. The Superintendent stated that 128 pages of the new class list of the Lower Hall of History, Biography and Travel, 5000 copies were burned; and that it had been decided in reprinting these pages and in printing the rest of the alphabet to reduce the edition to 2000 copies. There was also burned up in Jackson's building in Hawley Street the first volume of the Boston Globe newspaper, and a collection of newspapers gathered in illustration of the Jubilee of last June, upon which

November 26, 1872

there is insurance in the American Insurance Company's office.

The request of Professor Atkinson for extraordinary privileges was granted.

The special card of Professor L. A. Schmitt was renewed.

Mr. Pratt from the Committee on Finance made the semi-annual statement of the Trust Funds account, which was ordered to be placed on file.

The Superintendent was directed to inform Mrs. C. S. Barton of the great uncertainty attending the immediate purchase of her Library by the city owing to the derangement of affairs brought about by the late fire.

The Twenty-eighth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

At 11.45 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: J. Green Secy

Tuesday, 10 December, 1872

December 10, 1872

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Willard, and

Green, and not constituting a quorum, they signed an authorization for the President to approve the requisition for the first of January, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$5844.17; and the same was subsequently signed by a majority of the Board.

No Quorum.

Attest: J. Green Secy

Prof. Atkinson's request granted.

Prof. Schmitt's card renewed.

Condition of Trust Funds.

Purchase of Mrs. C. S. Barton's Library very uncertain.



1427.  
December 24, 1872.

Tuesday, 24 December, 1872.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Hillard, Pease, and  
Green.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the meeting for November 20th  
was read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that a sub-committee  
of the Committee on Public Buildings, consisting of  
Alderman Hayward and Mr. Tucker had examined  
the buildings and had determined upon recommending  
certain additional precautions against fire.

Additional  
precautions  
against fire.

A letter from Mr. Coolidge, Superintendent of  
Printing, was presented, stating the total loss of paper to  
the Library by the fire.

Loss of paper  
by the fire.

The applications of Rev. E. P. Emery, Wm. B.  
Earle, F. V. Staehli, W. T. Brigham, and H. J. Rolfe,  
for continuation of extraordinary privileges were granted;  
and extraordinary privileges were also granted to T. S. Perry,  
the Rev. Samuel Johnson, and Mr. James, M. D.

Privileges continued  
to Rev. E. P. Emery,  
Wm. B. Earle,  
F. V. Staehli,  
W. T. Brigham,  
and H. J. Rolfe,  
and to T. S. Perry,  
the Rev. Samuel  
Johnson, and  
Mr. James, M. D.

The Secretary presented a letter from the  
President of the American Insurance Company, expressing  
readiness to pay all loss to the Library by the fire, on  
books in Jackson's bindery.

Loss on books in  
Jackson's Bindery  
to be paid by the  
Am. Ins. Com.

The President reported that owing to necessary  
repairs of the furnace in the East Boston Branch, and  
the failure of those directed by the Superintendent of  
Public Buildings to repair it, to keep their engagement,  
the branch library was closed on Monday, December 16th,  
during the whole day.

E. B. Branch  
closed 16th December.

Mr. George F. Hosea was chosen Janitor of  
the East Boston Branch.

George F. Hosea  
Janitor of E. B. Branch

The Superintendent announced that the  
Fellows Trustees would spend \$3000. on books for  
stocking the new Roxbury Branch; and that the  
Contractors for the building designed for that branch, hoped

Fellows Trustees  
to spend \$3000. on  
books for Rox. Branch

to have it completed by April 1st.

The Superintendent reported a correspondence  
between himself and R. M. Hodges, M. D., relative to the  
books of the Massachusetts Medical Society, which have  
been given to the library.

1428.  
December 24, 1872.  
Correspondence  
with  
R. M. Hodges, M. D.

The Twenty-ninth report of the Superintendent  
was ordered to be placed on file.

At 11.45 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: -  
Clerk  
in

Tuesday, 1st January, 1873.

January 1st, 1873

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Lewis, Brant,  
Pease, and Hillard.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read  
and approved.

The President was authorized to sign a  
Special draft on the City Treasurer for \$1329.53, being  
the amount voted by the City Council to be paid  
Messrs. Rockwell and Churchill for Catalogue  
work done by them and destroyed in the fire.

Special draft  
to be paid  
Messrs. Rockwell  
and Churchill.

A "Non-resident card" was granted to  
Darius Cobb.

Non-resident card to  
Darius Cobb.

The request of E. V. Humphreys to be  
allowed to take four books and keep them four  
weeks, was granted, temporarily, to be revoked at the  
discretion of the Superintendent.

E. V. Humphreys  
request granted.

Henry Howland, a pastor in German,  
in Harvard College, was allowed to take four books  
and keep them four weeks.

Henry Howland's  
request granted.

The privileges heretofore granted to the  
Rev. C. E. Grinnell of Charlestown, were continued for one year.

Rev. C. E. Grinnell's  
privilege continued.

1429.

January 14, 1873.

Fire extinguishers to be procured!

Bills Payable.

Delivery Room open till 9 o'clock Saturday evenings.

Expediency of opening every eve. till same hour.

S. B. Branch to be closed every eve. at 9 o'clock.

Alice M. Wing appointed ass't. in E. B. Branch.

Special Com. to consider estimates for coming year.

On motion of Mr. Pease, it was Ordered, That the Superintendent procure six fire extinguishers for use in the building.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finances, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of February next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$6995.10. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

The Thirtieth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

The Superintendent was directed to continue the delivery of books in the Lower Hall and in the Branches on Saturday evenings till nine o'clock.

The Committee on Administration were requested to consider the expediency of delivering the books of the Lower Hall every evening till nine o'clock.

The Committee on the South Boston Branch reported that they had directed the closing of the Reading Room of that Branch, at nine o'clock.

The Committee on the East Boston Branch reported the appointment of Miss Alice M. Wing, as an assistant in that Branch.

The President, Mr. Lewis, and the Alderman to be elected, were made a Committee to consider the estimates for the coming year.

At 11.45 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: William L.

January 28, 1873.

Tuesday, 28 January, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Morton, Hillard, Clark, Perkins, and Burditt.

1430.

January 28, 1873.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The following communication from the City Clerk was read.

City of Boston

January 23, 1873.

This is to certify that the following persons have been duly chosen by the City Council, as Trustees of the Public Library for the present Municipal Year.

viz:-

Alderman

John T. Clark

Common Council

William E. Perkins

Charles A. Burditt

Attest:

Signed

J. F. McHenry,

City Clerk.

The requests of George A. Bartlett, instructor in German at Harvard College, and Captain C. E. Michaelis, U.S.A., of Watertown Arsenal for extraordinary privileges were granted.

It was

Ordered, That payment for, or replacement of, books burned in the fire of Nov. 9 should not be required of borrowers of the same, - there being twenty-eight in the Lower Hall, and five in the Bates Hall, besides several which Brewer & Tileston had borrowed all of which they have replaced, but two, and these they have signified their intention to replace.

On motion of Mr. Morton, it was Ordered, That the Superintendent proceed at once to

Requests of Geo. A. Bartlett & Capt. Michaelis, granted.

Replacement of books burned Nov. 9th not to be required of borrowers.

Trustees elected.

1431.

January 28, 1873.  
Arrangements to be made for opening the Reading Rooms on Sundays.

carry out the wishes of the City Council regarding the opening of the Reading Rooms on Sundays, as soon as he receives official notice of the same; and that he report at the next meeting thereafter, what provisional arrangements he has made in the matter.

It was further

Lower Hall Delivery Room open every evening till 9 o'clock.

Ordered, that the delivery and receipt of books in the Lower Hall be continued every evening, on and after February 1st, till nine o'clock P.M.

Case of Harcourt.

Mr. Hillard was requested to communicate with the Attorney General regarding the case of one Harcourt, now on file in the Superior Court.

New trustees assigned to Committees.

The President announced that the new members were assigned to Committees as follows: -  
Building and Grounds - Clark and Burditt.  
Finance - Clark and Perkins  
E. Boston Branch - Perkins  
Roxbury Branch - Burditt.

Danger to the Building from super-heated Steam.

The Superintendent was directed to communicate with the Inspector of Buildings regarding any danger there may be to the Building from super-heated Steam.

Rev. E. C. Hale member of Board of Trustees of Follen's Athenaeum.

The Secretary announced that the Rev. Edward C. Hale had become a member of the Board of Trustees of the Follen's Athenaeum.

At 11.50 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Wm. Green  
Secy

February 11, 1873.

Tuesday, 11 February, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Perkins, Lewis, Green, and Burditt.

1432.

February 11, 1873.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting, was read and approved.

A communication was received from the City Auditor, asking for estimates for the coming year. The following communication was received from the City Clerk.

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen, January 27, 1873.

Ordered:

That the Trustees of the Public Library, be requested to have the Reading Rooms opened on Sundays from two to nine P.M.

Reported upon and passed: Sent down for concurrence.

L. V. Cutler, Chairman.

In Common Council Feb 6, 1873. Passed in concurrence.

E. C. Shepard, President.

Approved February 7, 1873.

Henry L. Pierce, Mayor.

A true copy

Attest: L. J. McCleary  
City Clerk.

The requests of W. Nichols M.D., and S. P. Parker, D.D., for renewal of special privileges were granted.

Requests of W. Nichols, M.D. and S. P. Parker, D.D. granted.

The Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of March next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$7159.09. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable.

1433.  
February 11, 1873.  
The Boston Library

A Communication from Mrs. C. L. Barton regarding her library was read.

The thirty-first report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

The Superintendent reported the following arrangements for Sunday Service.

Arrangements for Sunday Service.

<u>Central Reading Room</u>		
Mr. Robinson, 7 hours @ .33 1/3		\$ 2.66
<u>E. Boston Reading Room</u>		
Mr. Rosea		\$ 2.50
Attendant, 7 hours @ .25		1.75
<u>South Boston Reading Room</u>		
Mr. Baker		\$ 2.00
Attendant, 7 hours @ .25		1.75
	Total,	10.33

There will be an additional outlay for cleaning the Central Reading Room, of about \$2.00 each Sunday.

The Superintendent also reported the cost of the arrangement for two hours evening service as explained in his monthly report for January, to be as follows:—

Arrangement for two hours evening service.

Mr. J. M. W. Pratt, (Registration)	.66
Mr. F. L. Pratt, jr. (Deliverer)	.66
Amelia McGrath (Indicator)	.50
Catharine McGrath (receiving books)	.50
Charles H. Moses (runner)	.25
Otis V. Moses (runner)	.25
Mr. Robinson (extra time in Reading Room)	.33
Per evening	\$3.15

At 12 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: *J. W. W. W.*

Friday, 14 February, 1873

1434.  
February 14, 1873.

A Special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 11 o'clock to consider the estimates for the ensuing year.

Special Meeting to consider the Yearly estimates.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Clark, Willard, Morton, Perkins, Brunditt, and Green.

The Committee of the City Council on the library, were invited to meet with the Board, and Aldermen Quincy and Hulbert, and Councilmen Tower and Madden were present.

The Special Committee on the Estimates, presented the following schedule, which was adopted by the Board, and the President was authorized to transmit the same to the City Auditor of Accounts.

Schedule of Estimates to be transmitted to the City Auditor

Binding	\$ 400.
Books	10500.
Catalogues	600.
Fuel	1800.
Furniture	2000.
Gas	2500.
Expense	3000.
Printing and Stationery	4500.
Salaries	50000.
Transportation &c.	1700.
Roxbury Branch (to complete outfit)	2000.
	\$90000.

Ways and means \$1500.

At 1 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: *J. W. W. W.*

1435.  
February 25, 1873.

Tuesday, 25 February, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Hillard, and  
Clark.

The President took the Chair.

The Records of the last two meetings were read  
and approved.

Requests  
granted.

The requests of Mrs. Caroline R. James, the  
Rev. James F. Clarke, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Giles, for  
extraordinary privileges were granted.

Rev. N. F. Gilman's  
not granted.

The request of the Rev. Nicholas F. Gilman  
was not granted.

Letter  
relative to the  
case of  
Carcourt.

Mr. Hillard presented a note from Hon.  
C. R. Train, Attorney General, relative to the case of one  
Farcourt, in answer to a communication addressed to him  
regarding the action of the District Attorney. It was  
ordered to be placed on file.

At 12 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest - *Jelmer*  
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March 11, 1873.

Tuesday, 11 March, 1873.

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the  
Library at 11 o'clock A.M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Hillard, Green,  
Perkins, and Burditt,

and of the Committee on the Library  
of the City Council, Aldermen Quincy, Emory, and Hulbert,  
and Councilmen Tower and Blackmar.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and  
approved.

1436.

March 11, 1873.

The requests of Daniel Appleton, Professor  
George S. Goodall, of Cambridge, Miss Frances P. Chaplin,  
Ivan P. Wenzel, for extraordinary privileges were granted,  
and the communications of J. Willard Brown, and the  
Rev. A. W. Fiskell, were laid on the table.

Requests  
granted.

Mr. Perkins, from the Committee on Finance,  
presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury  
on the first day of April next, amounting as per cash  
book of this date to \$6325.53. The bills having been  
examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable.

A communication was read from Mrs. Barton  
relative to the sale of her library.

Sale of the  
Barton Library.

The thirty-second report of the Superintendent  
was ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Dr. Green, it was  
Ordered, that the President name the Chairman of the  
Examining Committee for the current year, and that  
the President and such Chairman nominate to the  
Board, five citizens to constitute said Committee with  
said Chairman, and five substitutes.

Nomination  
of  
Examining  
Committee  
for 1873.

The President named Mr. Hillard as Chair-  
man of the Committee.

At 12.30 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest - *Jelmer*  
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Saturday, 15 March, 1873.

March 15, 1873.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held  
in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M. to meet the Board of  
Aldermen and the Library Committee of the Common  
Council, for conference regarding the purchase of the  
Barton library.

Special Meeting  
to consider the  
purchase of the  
Barton Library.

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March 15, 1873.

There were present of the Board of Trustees,  
Messrs. Greenough, Hillard, Green, Perkins, and Burditt.  
Of the Board of Aldermen, Messrs. Quincy,  
Sayward, Stebbins, Bigelow, Laffield, Power, Hulbert, and  
Brown.  
Of the Library Committee from the Common  
Council, Mr. Woods.

It was agreed to have a conference meeting  
of the Board with the Committee on Finance of the City  
Council.

Special  
Privilege  
Cards.

Special privilege cards were granted to Prof.  
Menard and the Rev. W. V. Alger, each for four books  
to be kept four weeks.

Remittance  
of £100. to  
Baring Bros. & Co.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested to place  
£100 with the Messrs. Baring, Bro's & Co, London, to the  
credit of the Trustees.

£100 to F. Fligel.

Ordered, That the Messrs. Baring, Bro's & Co, be requested  
to place One Hundred pounds with their agent in Leipzig  
to the credit of Dr. Felix Fligel.

At 12.15 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: -  
J. Quincy  
Sy

March 17, 1873

Monday, 17 March, 1873.

Special Meeting  
relative to the  
payment of the  
Boston Library.

A Special Meeting of the Trustees was held  
in the Mayor's room, City Hall, to confer with the Committee  
on Finance of the City Council, relating to a transfer of  
\$15,000 from the Reserved Fund, towards the payment for  
the Boston Library.

There were present of the Board of Trustees,  
Messrs. Greenough, Hillard, Clark, Lewis, Burditt, and  
Perkins.

1438.  
March 17, 1873.

There were present of the Committee on Finance,  
The Mayor, Alderman Cutler, and Councilmen Dean,  
West, and Powers.

There were also present, Aldermen Quincy  
and Emory, of the Library Committee.

The Committee on Finance having approved  
the transfer, the Board adjourned.

\$15,000 to be  
transferred from  
the Reserved Fund.

Attest: -  
J. Quincy  
Sy

Friday, 21 March, 1873.

March 21, 1873.

A Special Meeting of the Trustees was held  
in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Hillard, Green,  
Lewis, and Burditt.

The President took the Chair.

It was voted to make this meeting a substitute  
for the regular meeting of Tuesday next.

The Secretary's minutes of the last two  
meetings were read, and approval deferred until the  
record was engrossed.

A note from Mr. Weston explaining his  
absence was read.

A guaranty by the Trustees of the Boston  
University, securing the Library against loss from granting  
its privileges to non-resident members of the Law School of  
said University, was accepted and ordered to be placed  
on file.

Privileges to  
non-resident members  
of the Law School  
of Boston University.

A petition of citizens asking for increased  
accommodations for the Patent Specifications, was referred  
to the Committee on Building and Grounds, and the  
President was joined to the Committee.

Petition for  
increased accommod-  
for Patent Specif.  
referred.

1439

March 21, 1873.  
Lease of the  
Richardson Estate.

Ordered, that the Superintendent request from the  
Committee on Public Buildings, a copy of the lease given  
of the Richardson Estate, adjacent to the library lot.

Governor requested to  
deposit in the library  
a set of Laws and  
Resolves of Gen. Court.

Ordered, that the Superintendent communicate with the  
Governor of the Commonwealth, relative to the deposit in  
this library of one of the State's complete sets of the Laws  
and Resolves of the General Court.

Purchase of the  
Barton Library  
for sum not exceeding  
\$34,000.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was  
Ordered, that the Trustees of this Library authorize the  
purchase from Mrs. Cora S. Barton of the library collected  
by her late husband Mr. Thomas C. Barton, for a sum  
not exceeding \$34,000.

President  
to complete the  
negotiation.

Ordered, that the President be requested to complete the  
negotiation as soon as practicable, and to sign an agree-  
ment on the part of this Board to take and pay for the  
library at such times and upon such terms as may be  
agreed with Mrs. Barton - but not exceeding the sum  
already named.

At 12 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Wm. Lewis  
Secretary

April 15, 1873.

Tuesday, 15 April, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Hillard, Lewis, Perkins, and Green.

By vote of those present, Mr. Hillard was  
chosen President pro tempore.

The President took the Chair.

The Records of the last three special meetings  
were read and approved.

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April 15, 1873  
Lease of the  
Richardson Estate.

The Superintendent presented an abstract of  
the lease of the Richardson estate to W. C. Poland, which  
was ordered to be placed on file.

The following communication from the City  
Clerk of the orders of the City Council, relative to the pur-  
chase of the Barton library, was read: -

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen,

March 17, 1873.

The Committee on the Public Library  
would respectfully report that a very valuable library  
is now offered for sale to the Board of Trustees of the  
Library which said Board are desirous of purchasing,  
it being an opportunity not often occurring of securing  
rare works. Your Committee concur in the views of the  
Board as to the importance of the purchase and to  
effect it will require, at this time, a sum of \$15,000. in  
addition to the balance of appropriation in the hands of  
the Trustees unappropriated and they therefore would  
recommend the passage of the accompanying order, which  
has received the approval of the Committee on Finance  
at a meeting held this day.

For the Committee

S. M. Quincy, Chairman.

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen, March 17, 1873.

Ordered:

That the Auditor of Accounts be and he  
hereby is authorized to transfer from the unexpended  
balances of the present financial year 1872, 73, a sum not  
exceeding \$15,000. to the appropriation for the Public  
Library.

Communication  
and  
Orders  
relative to the  
Purchase  
of the  
Barton  
Library.

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April 15, 1873.

Read twice & passed. Yeas 12, Nays none.  
Sent down for concurrence.

L. R. Cutter, Chairman.  
In Common Council, March 30, 1873.  
Concurred. Yeas 55, Nays none.  
E. C. Shepard, President.

Approved March 21, 1873.  
Henry S. Pierce, Mayor.

A true copy  
Attest:

[Signed] S. F. McLeary  
City Clerk.

Correspondence  
relative to  
the  
Charlestown  
Public Library.

The Superintendent stated that the bill for  
the annexation of Charlestown now pending before the  
legislature contained provisions which would necessitate  
the maintenance of the public library of Charlestown  
as an independent institution, instead of as a branch of  
his library, and presented some correspondence between  
himself and Alderman Quiney regarding it, which was  
ordered to be placed on file.

Special privilege to  
Mr. Louis Putnam  
also, to  
Lieut. E. L. Galinski.

The special privilege to Mr. Louis Putnam  
was continued for one year.  
Privilege to draw four books from the library  
and to keep them four weeks, was granted to Lieut. E. L.  
Galinski, U.S.A., detailed as military instructor of the  
Institute of Technology.

Inexpedient to  
take any action  
respecting the  
Patent Room.

Dr. Green from the Committee on Building  
and Grounds, reported that it was inexpedient to take any  
action at present upon the petition for increased accom-  
modation of the Patent Room.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Lewis from the Committee on Finance,  
reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, on  
the first day of May next, amounting as per cash book of  
this date to \$7324.73. The bills having been examined were  
allowed by the Board.

1442.

April 15, 1873.

Mr. Hillard nominated the Hon. Benjamin  
Dean, Eben D. Jordan, Esq., Charles C. Smith, Esq., Henry  
A. Whitney, Esq., and the Rev. George F. Gilbert to con-  
stitute the Examining Committee for the year. The  
report was accepted and the nomination confirmed. The  
Committee were granted power to fill vacancies.

Examining  
Committee  
appointed  
1873.

A communication from the Governor of  
the State, regarding the deposit in the library of a set of the  
Laws and Resolves of the Commonwealth, was read  
and ordered to be placed on file, together with the accom-  
panying letters.

Communication  
from the  
Governor of  
the State.

The Thirty-third report of the Superintendent  
was ordered to be placed on file.

The Superintendent reported the absence  
of Mr. Sykes for over six weeks, from sickness.

Mr. Sykes's  
absence.

At 12 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: *[Signature]*

Tuesday, 29 April, 1873.

April 29, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Hillard, Green, and  
Purditt.

The President took the chair.  
The Record of the last meeting was read  
and approved.

The Superintendent reported that a box  
of books for the library was burned in the railroad  
accident of April 19th.

Books for the Library  
burned 19th April.

The President reported that the negotiation  
with Mrs. Barton was satisfactorily closed, and that the  
papers necessary to the transfer of the Barton library had  
been duly signed; and all the papers and correspondence

Negotiation  
for the  
Barton Library  
completed.



1443.  
April 29, 1873.

pertaining thereto were ordered to be placed on file.  
At 11.30 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

J. Deussen  
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May 5, 1873 -

Monday, 5 May, 1873 -

The Trustees met in the Library for organization, at 9 o'clock A.M.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Green, Hillard, Purditt, Lewis, and Clark.

The Secretary read the following communication from the City Clerk.

City of Boston.  
City Clerk's Office, City Hall.  
March 27, 1873.

Saml. A. Green  
and  
Danl. S. Curtis  
elected  
Trustees.

This is to certify  
That Samuel A. Green and  
Daniel S. Curtis have been duly elected by  
concurrent vote of the City Council  
Trustees of the Public Library  
for three years from the first Monday in May  
next.

[Signed] S. F. McCleary,  
City Clerk.

Mr. Greenough  
chosen President.

On a ballot for President for the ensuing  
year, Mr. Greenough received four votes out of five, and  
was declared elected.

The President took the Chair.

The President announced the following  
Committees: -

Administration Messrs. Putnam, Hillard, and Lewis.  
Building & Grounds " Green, Clark, and Purditt.  
Books & Catalogues " Greenough, Hillard, Green, & Curtis.  
Finance " Lewis, Clark, and Perkins.  
East Boston Branch " Greenough, Curtis, and Perkins.  
South Boston Branch " Greenough, Lewis, and Green.  
Roxbury Branch " Greenough, Hillard, Putnam,  
Lewis, and Purditt.

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May 5, 1873.

Standing  
Committees  
appointed  
1873-74.

Ordered, That the freedom of the alcoves be extended to the  
Hon. E. W. Morton, lately a member of this Board.

Freedom of Alcoves  
Hon. E. W. Morton.

Ordered, That all Special Committees be continued as  
now existing.

Special Committees  
continued.

Ordered, That the meetings of the Board be on the  
second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Meetings of  
Trustees.

Ordered, That the President and two others to be  
named by him, consider and report upon the existing  
Bylaws and Regulations which are hereby provisionally  
adopted.

Bylaws, etc.  
provisionally adopted  
ref. to a Com.  
for revision.

The President named Messrs. Lewis and Perkins.

Ordered, That the President be authorized to draw from  
the City Treasury the amount of twenty-five  
thousand dollars to be paid upon the contract with  
Mrs. C. S. Barton, in such sum or sums as he may  
deem expedient.

Special draft  
of \$25,000. for  
Mrs. Barton.

At 9.45 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

J. Deussen  
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1445.  
May 13, 1873.

Tuesday, 13 May, 1873.

A Special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 11 o'clock A.M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Burditt, Lewis, Hillard, and Curtis.

The President took the Chair.

Committee  
on  
Finance  
Report.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance made the following report.

Public Library  
April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1873.

Names  
and  
Amounts  
to constitute  
the  
Pay-Roll  
1873-74.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following orders, as covering the Pay Roll for the ensuing year:-

Ordered, that the Pay Roll for the ensuing year be established at the rate of the following sums per year to the several persons, -

Central W.A. Wheeler	\$2500.
Library E. Capron (\$2000. + Sundays \$500.)	2200.
Males J.L. Whitney	2000.
W. Auerbach	1200.
W. H. Foster	1400.
J. Lykes	1500.
W. E. Ford (\$500. + Sundays \$300.)	1700.
E. Bradshaw	1200.
J. Collins (\$700 + Sundays \$120.)	900.
C.A. Wilson	1100.
A.P.C. Griffen	600.
C.F. Guinness	208.
J. Bresnahan	208.
J. Barry	208.
C.M. Stimpson	182.
J. C. Williams	{ 40 to 50 cts per hour at Superintendent's discretion.

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Females Mrs. Warton	\$800.
L. S. Norton	625.
L. F. Knowles	600.
C. E. Torie	600.
H. N. Pike	650.
A. A. Nichols	650.
M. E. Goslyn	800.
A. M. Torie	600.
E. J. Haley	600.
A. B. Loud	550.
M. A. McGrath	575.
E. J. Stevenson	575.
A. F. Kull	525.
E. J. Hill	500.
L. A. Mack	500.
E. J. Mack	500.
L. A. W. Guinness	500.
Marg. McGrath	525.
Eliz. Ross	350.
M. J. Ross	300.
E. E. Bresnahan	300.
A. M. Kennedy	150.
E. Stevenson	208.
E. F. Cotter	208.
E. J. McCarthy	182.
E. Sturmy	150.
R. M. Eastman	{ per hour.
Extras W. F. Robinson (R.R. exp. and Sundays)	\$1433.
J. M. W. Pratt (Evenings)	208.
J. L. Pratt jr (Evenings)	208.
C. F. Moses (Evenings)	78.
A. N. Moses (Evenings)	78.
Amelia McGrath (Evenings)	150.
Catharine McGrath (Evenings)	150.
F. E. Guinness (Wed. and Sat.)	52.
F. E. Mack (Wed. and Sat.)	52.

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May 13, 1873.

Indices. Foreman \$25. per week  
A.M. Blake 20. " "  
Mrs. Wheeler 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>100</sub> " "

East Boston Branch.

Regulars. S. C. Godbold \$600.  
L. F. Hosea (Extras for Sundays) 900.  
M. R. Pray 500.  
A. M. Wing 500.  
M. C. Catherant 150.  
Extras. W. Hill 25 cts per hour  
S. Shilcott 8 " "  
N. Greene 8 " "  
E. Pond 8 " "  
Sundays. L. F. Hosea (Extra) \$2.50 per day  
Mrs. George 1.75 " "

South Boston Branch

Regulars. Mrs. Keen \$800.  
Jos. Baker (extras below) 700.  
L. A. Waldwin 500.  
C. F. Mulloy 500.  
H. C. McCarthy 150.  
Extras. E. A. Eaton (extras below) 25 cts per hour  
A. Wragton 25 " "  
E. Watson 8 " "  
H. Taring 8 " "  
M. Webster 8 " "  
Sundays. J. Baker \$2.50 per day  
E. A. Eaton 1.75 " "

Regulars. Roxbury Branch.

" H. C. Price \$600.  
(assistant) 500.  
(assistant) 500.  
M. C. Blood 150.

Respectfully submitted  
for the Committee,  
[Signed] Weston Lewis, Chairman.

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May 13, 1873

The orders were adopted on motion of Mr. Durditt.  
Under a suspension of the rules, it was on  
motion of Mr. Killard.

Ordered, That the half-pay of Mr. Sykes be continued from  
the date of his ceasing to receive any pay, until further  
ordered.

Half-pay of  
Mr. Sykes  
continued.  
A. L. Hayes's  
request granted.

The application of A. L. Hayes for extraor-  
dinary privileges was granted.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, the Committee on  
Building and Grounds were requested to take into considera-  
tion the expediency of obtaining possession of the Richardson  
estate for the use of the Library and to report on the same  
at an early date.

Richardson  
Estate

Ordered, That the next meeting of the Board be on Friday,  
May 16th, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Meeting of  
Trustees.

At 12.10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

M. L. W.

Friday, 16 May, 1873.

May 16, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 3 o'clock P.M.  
Present Messrs. Greenough, Durditt, Curtis,  
Killard, and Green.

The President took the chair.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read.  
The request of the Rev. A. P. Foster for renewal  
of special privilege card was laid on the table.

Rev. A. P. Foster's  
request laid on table.

1449.  
May 16, 1873.

Bills Payable

Mr. Burditt was appointed a Special Committee on Finance, and reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of June next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$7604.95. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Italian books

lost on Bermuda reefs.

Supt's 34<sup>th</sup> report on file

Meeting of Trustees.

The President reported a letter relative to the Italian invoice lost on Bermuda reefs, and said that he had written to the person who had bought the books at the sale for salvage, that the library would take the lot at his price.

It was Ordered, That the next meeting of the Board would be on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9 o'clock A.M.

At 3 1/2 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

H. G. J.

May 27, 1873.

Tuesday, 27 May, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Perkins, Green, and Willard.

The President took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The requests of Capt. L. B. Luce, U.S.N. (four books, four weeks), of Alexander Young (a renewal), the Rev. Jeremiah Chaplin (four books, four weeks), and of Andrew J. Savage (non-resident card), were granted.

Requests of Capt. L. B. Luce and others granted.

Remittance of £87.9.6 to Daring, Bros. & Co.

On motion of Mr. Perkins it was Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to the Messrs. Daring, Bros. & Co., London, the sum of £87.9.6 to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

J. Quinn  
Jr

1450.

May 27, 1873.  
£87.9.6 to Ed. G. Allen.

Ordered, That the Messrs. Daring Bros. & Co. be requested to pay Edward G. Allen, 12 Tavistock Row, Covent Garden, London, the sum of £87.9.6, in settlement of the library's account with him.

Mr. Perkins, from the Special Committee on revising the Regulations and Bylaws, reported the following order which was adopted:—

Ordered, That the last paragraph of article 11 of the Regulations read as follows:— Those bearing three stars shall not be allowed to be used within or without the building, unless by the written permission of the President or two members of the Board.

Article 11 of Regulations amended.

It was understood that in case of urgent present need of any such book, the Superintendent could grant permission, subjecting his action to such subsequent approval as is indicated in the order.

A communication from Edward Capen was laid on the table.

Letter from E. Capen.

It was Ordered, That the library be closed on Decoration Day at noon.

Library to be closed Decoration Day.

Also, Ordered, That the next meeting of the Board be held on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9 o'clock A.M.

Meeting of Trustees

At 9.45 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

J. Quinn  
Jr

Tuesday, 10 June, 1873.

June 10, 1873

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Curtis, Green, Burditt and Willard.

The President took the chair.

June 10, 1873

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mr. Curtis was made a Committee to examine the engrossed records not already approved by the Board.

The request of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers for extraordinary privileges was granted; and their guaranty was ordered to be placed on file.

The requests of Charles Hale, the Rev. John Weiss, and Miss Harriet W. Preston, for the privilege of taking four books from the library and keeping them four weeks at a time, were granted.

Dr. Green, from the Committee on Building and Grounds, reported that the bequest of a Statue of Meditation, under the will of Mrs. Eliza Shummin, should be accepted. The bequest was accepted, and the President was requested to communicate to her executors their grateful acceptance of the bequest.

Mr. Burditt, as a temporary Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of Bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of July next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$7417.70. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Ordered, that the service at the Branches be allowed one afternoon's absence each month, to be taken as the convenience of the library may allow.

Ordered, that the Keeper of the Lower Hall, and the janitor and assistant janitor, be allowed for Sunday service previous to the establishment of the new pay-roll, at a sum pro rata according to the extra compensation for that service fixed in that pay-roll.

The Thirty-fifth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

Ordered, that the Superintendent procure the necessary blankets or other woollen material, for use at the lateral

Privileges to Boston Society of Civil Engineers.

Requests of Charles Hale, and others, granted.

Statue of Meditation bequeathed to the Library by Mrs. E. Shummin.

Bills Payable

Service at Branches allowed absence each month.

Compensation for Sunday Service.

Protection against fire.

June 10, 1873 Meetings of Trustees.

windows of the building in case of fire. Ordered, That during July, August, and September, the second meeting in the month be omitted.

At 10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

*J. Warner*  
By  
Tuesday, 24 June, 1873.

June 24, 1873

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 o'clock A. M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Lewis, Green, Hillard, and Burditt.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Secretary reported on behalf of Mr. Curtis, that the records not heretofore approved, should be approved, and it was so ordered.

The President reported that by his orders, and on petition of the attendants, the Library was closed at noon on the seventeenth inst.

Library closed at noon June 17th.

Mr. Hillard presented the Report of the Examining Committee; and it was Ordered, that the Report of the Examining Committee and that of the Superintendent be appended to the Report of the Trustees, when the latter is transmitted to the City Council.

Reports of the Examining Com. & Superintendent to be appended to the Report of the Trustees transmitted to the City Council.

The President read the report of the Trustees which was adopted.

The request of J. B. Warner, for a renewal of his privileges, was granted.

J. B. Warner's request granted.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, the President was authorized to sign Special Requisitions in favor of F. W. Christern for \$322.14; in favor of H. R. Taylor

Special Requisitions

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June 24, 1873.

for \$552.00, in favor of Jerome Seidensticker for \$206.50, and in favor of the Gardner Chair Company for \$205.00.

Roxbury Branch Reading Room opened.

The Superintendent reported that the Reading Room of the Roxbury Branch was opened on Monday, the twenty-third of June.

F. Bissfeldt's petition referred.

The petition of F. Bissfeldt was referred to the Superintendent.

Meetings of Trustees.

Ordered, that the meetings of the Board be at 9 o'clock A.M.

At 10.15 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

*J. W. Greenough*

July 15, 1873.

Tuesday, 15 July, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 o'clock A.M. Present: Messrs. Greenough, Green, and Hillard. The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Communication from Superintendent Public Buildings.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to the roof of the Central Library Building, and another relative to the lease of the Richardson estate was read.

Library's policy of \$575.00 paid by the Am. Ins. Company.

The Superintendent reported that \$1.36 had been recovered as salvage from the Italian invoice lost on Bermuda in March last, and \$559.64 had been paid by the American Insurance Company on the library's policy of insurance of \$561.00, and that \$14.00 had been paid by the same Company for books lost in Jackson's bindery in Hawley Street on November 9, 1872, and that the total amount \$575.00 had been paid into the City Treasury and a receipt taken.

1454.

July 15, 1873.

A note from the Secretary of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers thanking the Trustees for the privileges granted to the members, was read.

Thanks from Boston Soc. of Civil Engineers.

The thirty-sixth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

Ordered, that the members of the Board of Trustees of the Fellows Athenaeum are expected to avail themselves of the same access to and use of books and apartments in the Roxbury Branch Library as are enjoyed by the members of this Board.

Trustees of the Fellows Athenaeum to avail themselves of books etc. in Roxbury Br. Library.

Ordered, that the Superintendent be authorized to sign necessary requisitions for all printing, stationery, and fuel required by the Library.

Superintendent to sign necessary requisitions.

At 9.30 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

*J. W. Greenough*

Note. - The above proceedings, done without a quorum, are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board.

The requisition for August first, amounting to \$878.91 was subsequently approved by a quorum of the Board, and the President authorized to sign the same.

Bills Payable.

*J. W. Greenough*

Tuesday, 19 August, 1873.

August 19, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 o'clock A.M. Present: Messrs. Greenough, Curtis, Hillard, and Curditt.

The President took the Chair.

August 19, 1873.

The Records of the last two meetings were read and approved; and the doings of the last meeting confirmed.

Correspondence relating to the Italian Invoice.

The President reported his correspondence with the Rev. Mr. Croker of Bermuda relative to the last Italian invoice.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Durditt, as a Special Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of September next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$10612.17. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Remittance of £100 to Darling Bros. & Co.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to the Messrs. Darling Bros. & Co., London, the sum of One Hundred Pounds to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

£100 to Dr. F. Flugel.

Ordered, That the Messrs. Darling Bros. & Co. be requested to place with their agent at Leipzig One Hundred pounds to the credit of Dr. Felix Flugel, agent of the Library.

The Thirty-seventh report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

Borrowers not to replace books burned in fire of May 30th.

Ordered, That the persons to whom books were charged, which were burned in the fire of May 30th, be not required to pay for them.

Ordered, That the next meeting of the Board be on Tuesday September 16th, at 9 o'clock A.M.

At 10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

J. Durditt

Tuesday, 16 September, 1873.

September 16, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Durditt, Hillard, and Perkins.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The request of Miss M. P. Lanza, No. 8 Dwight St. to be allowed to take four volumes from the Library and keep them four weeks was allowed.

Miss Lanza's request - granted.

A communication from the Superintendent of printing, relative to "printers' waste" in postal cards, was ordered to be placed on file.

"Printers' waste."

The action of the President and Chairman of the Committee on Finance in approving a special draft in favor of J. J. McNutt for \$392.15, under his contract for fitting up the Roxbury Branch, was confirmed.

Special draft in favor of J. J. McNutt.

The present condition of the finances of the Library, was referred to the Committee on Finance, for consideration and report.

Condition of Library Finances referred.

Mr. Durditt, as a Special Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of October next, amounting as per cash book of this date, to \$8087.32. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable.

A letter from J. D. Shelbrick, relative to the part taken by the Library in the Vienna Exposition, was ordered to be placed on file.

Library's part in the Vienna Exposition.

The request of Edward P. Bliss for extraordinary privileges, was laid upon the table.

E. P. Bliss's request laid on the table.

The request of Mrs. Keen, Librarian of the South Boston Branch, for full salary during sickness, was referred to the Committee on that Branch, with full powers.

Request of Mrs. Keen referred.

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Privileges of Library to Students of the D.U. Med. School.

The request of the faculty of the Boston University Medical School, that their students be allowed the use of the library granted to other institutions, upon the faculty's becoming bound to insure the library against loss, was granted.

The Thirty-eighth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

Central Library P.O. to be kept open Sunday evenings till 10 o'clock.

On motion of Dr. Green, it was Ordered, That the Reading Room of the Central Library be kept open Sunday evenings till 10 o'clock.

At 10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

J. Dixon  
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Tuesday, 14 October, 1873.

October 14, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Curtis, Lewis, Hillard, Putnam, Burditt, Green, and Perkins.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The following communication was received from the City Clerk.

Communication from the City Clerk relative to the further protection of the Public Library against fire.

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen,

September 29, 1873.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized to place Hyatt lights with raised wire netting to protect the same upon the roof of the Public Library Building, and provide the central lantern with iron shutters; also, that the water pipe be extended to the top of the building

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so that a hand hose can be attached, also to provide suitable apparatus to hoist hose to the roof from the outside of the building, at an estimated cost of seventy five hundred dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings.

Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, September 30, 1873.

A true copy  
Attest:  
Signed J. F. Mc Cleary  
City Clerk.

The Special privilege card of Judge John Lowell was renewed.

Special privilege cards Judge Lowell

The Special privilege card of the Rev. A. W. Foote was renewed.

Rev. A. W. Foote renewed.

The ordinary privileges of the library were granted to the Rev. J. Coleman Adams of Newtonville. The College of Liberal Arts of the Boston University were allowed the use of the library, the President of the University signing an obligation to protect the library from loss.

Privileges to Rev. J. C. Adams and the College of Liberal Arts of the Boston University

Anna B. Thompson, of the Cord School South Boston, residing 527 Columbus Avenue, was allowed a special privilege card, (four books, four weeks) recovery of the Italian invoice, from Bermuda; and on acquiring an early possession of the remainder of the Boston library.

Special privilege card to Anna B. Thompson. Final recovery of the Italian Invoice. Early possession of rem. of the Boston library.

On motion of Mr. Hillard, it was Ordered, That the grateful thanks of the Board be given to the Commissioners of the City of Boston on annexation, for the large map used by the Commission, which was engraved on a reduced scale for their printed

Special thanks to the Commissioners of the City of Boston on Annexation.



October 14, 1873. report to the City Council.

Exterior Shutters to be closed. Ordered, that all the exterior shutters on the Central Library Building be closed every night by the janitor.

Bills Payable. Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of November next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$7584.09. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Mrs. Keen's Petition granted. Mr. Lewis, from the Special Committee on the South Boston Branch, reported that Mrs. Keen be allowed full pay for nine days' absence, as represented in her petition, and it was allowed.

The Thirty-month report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

Messrs. Greenough Hillard & Curtis. On motion of Mr. Hillard, it was Ordered, that the President and two others to be named to be a Special Committee to consider and report on all questions in which the library has an interest arising from the annexation of Charlestown, Brighton and West Roxbury, to the City of Boston.

Late annexation. The President named Messrs. Hillard and Curtis.

To expend an amount not exceeding \$500. On motion of Mr. Lewis it was Ordered, that this Committee have authority to expend any needful amount not exceeding five hundred dollars.

At 10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

William Ly

Tuesday, 28 October, 1873. October 28, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Lewis, Furditt, Putnam, Perkins, and Green.

The President took the Chair. The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The special privilege card of Prof. Sanza was renewed for one year. Special Privileges to

The privileges of the library were granted to the Harvard Dental School on the usual conditions. Harvard Dental Sch.

A non-resident card was granted to Mr. T. D. Tooker, editor of the Folio. and Mr. T. D. Tooker.

The Committee on Books reported a communication from the Gov. Charles Sumner, regarding a collection of books on the West Indies, which is for sale. Collection of Books on the West Indies.

Ordered, that the President be authorized to sign a draft on the City Treasury, for \$148.02, in payment for the books recovered from the Italian invoice. Special requisition for books recovered from Italian Invoice.

The President reported upon some preliminary interviews with the authorities of the Charlestown and Brighton libraries.

A communication was read from Mr. Frank D. Millet, the Commissioner for Massachusetts, relative to the presentation of the library documents (forwarded to the Vienna Exposition) which in accordance with instructions, he had presented in the Library's name to the Royal and Imperial Library at Vienna. Communication from Mr. Millet rel. to documents presented to the Royal Lib. at Vienna.

A petition of the young ladies of the Central library to be allowed one afternoon a week, was laid on the table. Petition of the young ladies of the Central Library.

A communication from the janitor relative to the closing of the iron shutters every night was referred. Com. relative to closing the iron shutters every night, referred.

October 28, 1873. was referred to the Committee on Building and Grounds.  
At 7.48 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

J. W. Green  
L. J.

Tuesday 11 November, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 7 o'clock A.M.  
Present Messrs. Greenough, Curtis, Lewis,  
Putnam, Hillard, Durditt, and Green.

The President took the Chair.  
The Record of the last meeting was read  
and approved.

A petition from John D. Philbrick, Chairman  
of the Board of Visitors of the State Normal School for Art,  
asking that the privileges of the Library be granted to its  
members on the usual conditions, was granted.

The guaranty of the Dean and Faculty of  
the School of Medicine, Boston University, was reported.

The privileges of the Rev. George W. Tibbert,  
four books, four weeks) were extended one year.

The request of George L. Austin of Cambridge,  
(four books four weeks) was allowed.

The request of N. S. Dodge of Cambridge for  
the ordinary privileges of the library, was allowed, and also  
those of W. B. Foster, the librarian of the Public Library  
of Hyde Park, and of Charles W. Vettell, Civil Engineer  
of Charlestown.

The Committee on Building and Grounds  
requested further time for the consideration of the order  
regarding the closing of the iron shutters every night.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance,  
reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury  
on the first day of December next, amounting as per cash

Library privileges  
to members of the  
State Normal School  
for Art.  
Guaranty from the  
S. U. School of Medicine.  
Privileges continued  
to the  
Rev. G. W. Tibbert.  
Privileges to  
George L. Austin,  
N. S. Dodge,  
W. B. Foster,  
and  
Chas. W. Vettell.

Bills Payable.

November 11, 1873.

book of this date, to \$ 15647.73. The bills having been  
examined, were allowed by the Board.

The Superintendent reported that Lucy  
A. W. Guinness had been withdrawn from the service of the  
library.

The petition of the ladies for an allowance  
of an afternoon each week, was taken from the table  
and referred to Dr. Green and the Superintendent, for  
consideration and report.

The Fortieth report of the Superintendent  
was ordered to be placed on file.

At 10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

J. W. Green  
L. J.

Saturday, 29 November 1873.

The Trustees met in the library at 7 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Lewis, Green,  
Hillard, Durditt, and Perkins; and by invitation of the

Board, the following members of the Committee on the  
Library of the City Council, Aldermen Quincy and Hulbert.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read  
and approved.

The following communication was  
received from the Trustees of the Public Library of  
Charlestown.

Public Library  
Charlestown Nov. 15, 1873.

Dear Sir,  
The act uniting Charlestown with Boston,  
provides, that "the Charlestown public library with all the  
books and documents which now or hereafter may belong

Lucy A. W. Guinness  
withdrawn from  
library service.  
Petition  
of the young ladies  
referred to Dr. Green  
and the Supt.

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Meeting  
of the  
Trustees  
with Com. of the  
City Council.

Communication  
from the  
Trustees  
of the  
Public Library  
of  
Charlestown

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hereto, shall be continued and kept within the present limits of said city: and it shall have the benefit of all gifts and legacies made heretofore or hereafter in its behalf. The reason for this was explained fully to you, on your visit to our library some little time since. The act also provides for the continuance of the Board of Trustees, until the first Monday of May next, the time when a new Board of Trustees for your library will be organized.

In regard to the provision first named we are glad to know that it in no way conflicts with the policy of your Board in relation to all your branches, as we understand you to be desirous that they should be made, as much as possible, matters of local pride, and as respects the other provision, we see no reason why practically, the management of our library cannot be in your hands after the first Monday in January: and our librarian is already instructed to make arrangements with your Superintendent to this effect: and we send you this communication that you may fully understand that it is our desire to put the library, as far as possible, under your control, at the time the act to unite the two cities takes effect.

Respectfully Yours &c

Signed Timothy T. Sawyer  
for the Board of Trustees &c

William W. Greenough Esq.  
President of the Board of Trustees -  
of the Boston Public Library.

The President to send a suitable reply.

Library privileges to C. E. Wetherell.

W. O. Robson.

J. C. Howard's request not granted.

The President was requested to frame and send a suitable reply.

The ordinary privileges of the library were granted to Clarence E. Wetherell, of N. Raynham, engraver at 96 Washington St.; and to W. Oliver Robson, reporter of the Transcript and resident in Somerville.

Ordered, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of James C. Howard.

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The request of the Rev. Daniel Dorchester, of Lowell, for extraordinary privileges (three books, two weeks) was granted.

The Committee on Building and Grounds were requested to consider plans for increasing the working and shelf capacity of the building, and to report on the same to the Board.

The same Committee requested further time on the matter of the iron shutters; and it was granted.

Dr. Green reported that in the present state of the finances and of the extent of the library force, it is inexpedient to grant the petition of the lady assistants for an afternoon a week.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report:—

In Board of Trustees,

November 29, 1872.

The Committee on Finance presented the following

Report.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to call the attention of the Board to the necessity of additional appropriations,

1<sup>st</sup> to cover expenditures not anticipated at the beginning of the year.

2<sup>d</sup>, to enable the library to provide for changing the systems of administration now in use in the libraries of Charlestown and Brighton on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, into conformity with our own, and for meeting the expenses of the Brighton Branch from January on, and for such part of the expenses of the Charlestown Branch, as cannot be separated from the general expenses of the library.

By the act annexing Charlestown it is provided that the Charlestown library should become a branch of this.

Request granted. Increase of the working & shelf capacity of the Building.

Inexpedient to grant the petition of the young ladies in the Central library.

Committee on Finance Report on the necessity of additional appropriations.

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not before the first Monday in May, but the Trustees of that library have signified their wish that it should be administered by us as a branch after January 5th, and certain expenses will accrue, which cannot be left apart from our general expense, for the Trustees of that library to meet, while they retain legal control of it.

Under the head of unsuspected expenditures, we would name

An unusual accumulation of work for the binderies.

The larger size than was provided for, of the new Lower Hall Catalogue for History, Biography and Travel; and of the Catalogue of the Roxbury Branch.

The charge for heating the South Boston Branch, which comes under the lease of the City from the Savings Bank, and which it was supposed would be charged to the Committee on Public Buildings.

The charge for gas and services on account of increased hours on Sunday.

The rapid use of card stock in the Catalogue Department, which has come from our endeavors to get the Catalogue of the Central library into one alphabetical arrangement.

The loss of the insurance recovered for books lost at sea, which was paid into the City Treasury; and the cost of repurchasing the books from the purchaser at the sale for salvage.

The increased expenditure necessary to fit up the Roxbury Branch, over the outlay upon the other branches, because of the much greater size of the building.

Under the second head above named, viz. - that of expense to be incurred for Charlestown and Brighton, we would name the provisions to be made for

Binding,

Books (for Brighton only)

Catalogue (including the Charlestown titles in the January Bulletin, and the general labor on the Manuscript Catalogue of the two branches)

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Fuel (for Brighton only)  
Furniture (fixtures for new organization)  
Gas (for Brighton only)  
Printing and Stationery  
Salaries (for Brighton only)  
Transportation (expresses and postages)

The Estimates which we make under the various heads are as follows:—

Binding	\$1800.
Books	3650.
Catalogue	1000.
Fuel	800.
Furniture	250.
Gas	250.
Printing and Stationery	2100.
Salaries	1000.
Transportation	800.
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	\$11650

Respectfully  
Submitted

[Signed]

Wesley Lewis Chr.

Boston  
Public Library  
Nov. 29. '73.

The President was requested to petition the City Council for such additional appropriations, and in such form as the ordinances require.

At 10.50 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

President to  
petition the  
City Council  
for such appropria-

J. W. L.

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Tuesday, 16 December, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Curtis, Lewis, Green,  
Clark, Perkins, and Quiditt.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read  
and approved.

Age of applicants  
for cards, ref. to  
Committee on  
Administration.

The question of changing the age at which  
cards shall be given from sixteen to fourteen years, was  
referred to the Committee on Administration for consider-  
ation and report.

Letter of  
William Holden  
ref. to Sup't.

The communication of William Holden  
was referred to the Superintendent for correspondence with  
Mr. Holden.

Requests of  
Theoph. Parsons,  
Lewis D. Munroe,  
Francis R. Staehli,  
and  
Miss C. D. Dowell  
granted.

The requests of Theophilus Parsons of Cambridge  
(four books, four weeks); of Lewis D. Munroe, Dean of the  
Faculty of the School of Oratory, Boston University, who has  
filed the usual guaranty for the use of the Library for  
all its students; of Francis R. Staehli, M.D. for renewal  
of card, and of Miss Catharine McDowell (four books,  
four weeks, - vouched for by Samuel Eliot, Master of the  
Girls' High School) were granted.

Recommendations of  
Dr. Staehli  
ref. to the President.

The recommendations of Dr. Staehli regarding  
a classified Catalogue of the Medical Department of the  
Library, was referred to the President.

The Committee on Building and Grounds  
asked for further time to consider matters assigned them.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance,  
reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on  
the first day of January next, amounting as per cash book  
of this date to \$876.82. The bills having been examined  
were allowed by the Board.

The following letters by the President were  
read, and ordered to be placed on file.

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29 November, 1873.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge, on behalf  
of the Trustees of the Public Library, the receipt of your  
esteemed favor of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. containing certain statements  
and proposals in relation to the administration of the  
Charlestown Public Library.

At a meeting of the Board held this day, I was  
requested on their part to accede to your proposals and to  
agree to administer the affairs of your library from the  
first Monday in January next, upon the system now in  
use in the other branches of our institution, with the  
exception of such matters of detail as cannot be transferred  
by you, until the first Monday of May, 1874, under the  
provisions of the Act uniting Boston and Charlestown.  
This we understand to be the desire of your Board, and  
we will endeavor, in the meantime, with your assistance,  
to continue the work of preparation, so that when the  
first Monday of January arrives, your people will have  
not only their accustomed access to their own library, but  
will also, at the same time, find the doors of the Central  
Library open to them as freely as to the present inhabi-  
tants of Boston.

So far as this Board of Trustees was concerned,  
no act of the Legislature was required to provide that  
the Charlestown library should have "the benefit of all  
gifts and legacies made heretofore or hereafter in its behalf."  
For the establishment of the branches of the library  
already in existence, or to be created hereafter, it is the  
conceded policy of the City of Boston to place in its  
different districts such collections of books of a popular  
and useful character as shall possess general interest,  
leaving the purchase of a large class of works of a permanent  
value, like those upon the shelves of our Bates Hall, to the  
public spirit of the neighborhood, to whose convenience

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of the  
President  
to the  
Communication  
from the  
Trustees  
of the  
Public Library  
of  
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and instruction each branch ministers. As was observed in the recent conference with your Board it is our hope that every branch shall be made a subject of local pride and shall increase largely by donations and bequests. In such cases of benevolence it will be equally the duty as well as the pleasure of this Board to endeavor to carry out faithfully the instructions of the donors. Indeed, in this manner, the large Central Library has been most signally benefited, to the grateful acceptance of the trustees and to the incalculable advantage of our fellow citizens. While each branch may be thus enriched it will not in any manner interfere with the progress of the great reference library, conveniently and naturally placed in the heart of the city.

That the excellent collection of books heretofore provided and sustained by the intelligence and liberality of the citizens of Charlestown shall continue to increase in value and usefulness is the earnest desire of its new Trustees.

I am, dear Sir, with much respect,  
very truly yours.

[Signed] Wm. W. Greenough,  
Pres. Trustees Pub. Lib.

Hon. E. T. Sawyer,  
Trustees Charlestown Pub. Lib.

Public Library  
December 3, 1873.

President's  
Letter to the  
City Council  
requesting  
an additional  
appropriation  
of  
\$11,050.

To the Honorable  
The Mayor and City Council.  
I am directed by the Board of Trustees of the Public Library to make application, in conformity to the report of the Committee of Finance herewith submitted, for an additional appropriation of eleven thousand, six hundred and fifty dollars, for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the Public Library, and its branches to the

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close of the City financial year.

I am respectfully  
your obedient servant,  
[Signed] Wm. W. Greenough,  
Pres. of the Board.

The Forty-first report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

The President presented the following letter from the late Mayor:—  
Boston, Nov. 1873.

William W. Greenough, Esq.  
Pres. Trustees of the Public Library.  
Dear Sir,

Desiring to indicate my interest in the continued progress of our Library, I ask leave to contribute to its funds the sum of five thousand dollars, herewith enclosed in my check. It is my wish that this sum should be used by the Trustees, for the purchase of books of a permanent value for the Bates Hall collection, but it is immaterial to me whether it be funded and the interest of the same be annually expended, or whether it be applied either now or at some future time to the acquisition of some special collection, either of works relating to the history of this continent, or of science or of art. In this way I hope to leave both principal and interest entirely at the disposal of the Trustees to be employed in such manner as may, in their judgment most advanced the value of our great Library. Will you please convey to your Board the assurance of my respect, and with the sincerest regard for you personally,

Believe me, dear Sir,  
Yours truly,  
[Signed] Henry S. Pierce.

Letter  
from  
Henry S. Pierce,  
offering  
a  
donation  
of  
Five Thousand  
Dollars.

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December 16, 1873.

Special Thanks  
of the Trustees  
to Mr. Pierce.

His gift  
to be known as the  
"Pierce Fund."

The President was requested to communicate  
to Mr. Pierce the grateful thanks of the Trustees in  
acceptance of the gift; to send Mr. Pierce's letter to  
the City Council for their information; and to request  
the City Treasurer to invest the money in 6 per cent  
bonds of the City, the same to be held and known as  
the "Pierce Fund".

Meetings of Trustees.  
Special Committee  
upon a Branch  
in Dorchester.

Ordered, That the meetings be held hereafter at 9.30 A.M.  
Messrs. Curtis, Clark, and Burditt, were  
made a Committee to consider the founding of a Branch  
in Dorchester.

At 7.50 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

J. Quinn  
by

Tuesday, 30 December, 1873.

December 30, 1873.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Lewis, Perkins, Burditt, Green  
and Curtis.

In the absence of the President Mr. Perkins  
was called to the Chair.

The reading of the Record of the last meeting  
was dispensed with.

The following certificate from the City Auditor  
was read.

City of Boston  
City Hall.  
Office of Auditor of Accounts, Dec. 16, 1873.

Certificate  
from the  
City Auditor.

This is to certify that there has been placed in my  
hands a certificate of indebtedness of the City of Boston for  
the sum of Five thousand (5,000) dollars numbered 1,507

payable to the Trustees of the Public Library.

Signed: Alfred T. Turner  
Auditor.

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December 30, 1873.

A letter from the City Clerk communicated  
the action of the City Council in the matter of the  
donation of \$5000. from Henry S. Pierce, late Mayor  
of the City.

The Committee on Administration reported  
an order altering the Regulations, Article 6, first section,  
so that persons over fourteen years of age can sign for a card.  
The order was adopted.

Comm. on Admin.  
report change  
in the age of  
applicants for cards.

The Committee on Building and Grounds  
presented the following report.

Public Library,  
Boston, Dec. 16, 1873.

The Committee on Building and Grounds, to  
whom was referred the consideration of the question  
of enlarging the building, beg leave to report that they  
deem the plan herewith presented — being the portion  
in red — expedient and necessary.

Committee on  
Building & Grounds  
report it  
expedient to  
enlarge the  
Building.

Respectfully submitted,  
for the Committee,  
Signed: Samuel A. Green,  
Chairman.

The report was accepted and the plan  
laid on the table for further consideration.

The same Committee presented the  
following report which was accepted.

The Committee on Building and Grounds would  
report that they consider no alteration in the order of  
the Trustees, (directing the nightly closing of all the shutters  
in the building) expedient, except so far as it relates to the  
Janitor's private apartments.

Same Comm.  
report upon the  
nightly closing  
of the  
iron shutters.

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Submitted respectfully,  
for the Committee,  
[Signed] Samuel A. Green,  
Chairman.

Dec. 16, 1873.

Hose for the  
Stand-pipe  
in the Tower.

The same Committee were authorized to procure the necessary hose to be attached to the stand-pipe in the tower on different levels.

Hours of the  
Charlestown  
and  
Brighton  
Branches.

The Committee on the Dorchester Branch asked for further time.  
The Superintendent stated that if no objection was made, the hours of the Charlestown Branch would be established for the present, in conformity with those of the branches at Roxbury and South Boston; and those of Brighton as now maintained.

At 9:50 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

J. Green  
Ly

January 13, 1874.

Tuesday, 13 January, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9:30 o'clock A.M.  
Present Messrs. Greenough, Curtis, Lewis, Perkins, Murditt, Green, Clark, and Putnam.

The President took the Chair.

The Records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

The following communication was received from the City Clerk.

City of Boston  
In Board of Aldermen,  
January 4, 1874.

Ordered,

That the Auditor of Accounts be and he hereby is, authorized to transfer from the Reserved Fund to the appropriation for the Public Library, the sum of Eleven thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

Read twice and passed. Yeas, 12. Nays, none.  
Sent down for concurrence. January 1, 1874.

Came up concurred. Yeas, 58. Nays, none.  
Approved by the Chairman, Acting Mayor,  
January 2, 1874.

A true copy

Attest:  
[Signed] S. F. McCleary,  
City Clerk.

It was

Ordered, That it was inexpedient to grant the request of Wm. B. Garfield for extraordinary privileges.

The extraordinary privileges of Professor Atkinson (four books, two weeks); of Dr. J. M. Brewer, (four books, four weeks); of H. J. Wolfe (three books, two weeks); of T. S. Perry, Park Square (four books, four weeks); of George A. Bartlett, Holyoke House, Cambridge, (four books, four weeks); of the Rev. Charles E. Grinnell, Charlestown, (four books, four weeks); of the Rev. William S. Earle, of Needham, (four books, four weeks); of the Rev. E. J. Tenney, Ashland, Mass., (two books, four weeks) were renewed.

Mr. Charles Barnard of Cambridgeport was granted the ordinary privileges of the Library.

On motion of Dr. Putnam, it was Ordered, That the Committee on Administration have full power to grant special privilege cards, in all cases within the established usages of the Library.

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City Clerk advises of Transfer of \$11,650 to Pub. Li. appro.

W. B. Garfield's request refused.

Extraordinary privileges renewed

Barnard, Chas, Li-ary privileges 6, 1474.

Comtee on Admin<sup>n</sup> to grant special privilege cards.



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British Patent indexes

A communication from Edward L. Allen, relating to a new set of indexes to the British Patents was read.

Hose, cheaper, for fire protection

The Superintendent reported what was ascertained regarding the purchase of a cheaper hose than that shown at the last meeting, and read the communications from the Fire Commissioners, etc.; whereupon it was ordered, That the Committee on Building and Grounds, be instructed to purchase forthwith whatever suitable hose may be found.

Library building extension.

Ordered, That the Superintendent be directed to arrange with the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council for a meeting with that Committee to consider plans for the enlargement of the Central Library Building.

Bills Payable Feb/77

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of February next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$7033.81. The bills having been examined, were allowed by the Board.

Comt<sup>ee</sup> on Finance, with powers to retrench.

The condition of the finances of the library was referred to the President and Mr. Lewis, with full powers for retrenchment.

Dog tax, city solicitor's opinion on, for Charlestown & Brighton.

The President was requested to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor on the question of the Dog tax for the Charlestown and Brighton Branches, which had been appropriated for these libraries, but had not yet been received by them from the Treasury of Middlesex County, — the question being, if, when received by the City Treasury in February next, the law prohibiting the City of Boston having advantage of such tax for educational purposes is inoperative, in these instances.

Charlestown Library enlargement

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, it is desirable

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that the rooms of the Branch Library in Charlestown be enlarged so as to include the apartments now occupied by the Mystic Water Board, such being understood to be the wishes of the retiring Trustees of the Charlestown Library.

The Superintendent stated that on consultation with Mr. Hillard, in the absence of the President, he had embodied in the pay roll for this month for the Charlestown attendants, additional pay for thirteen hours extra a week, (excepting Dr. Curtis) and for Sunday services, — such remuneration not being contemplated by the retiring Board of Trustees of that library, and necessitated by the adoption by them of our established hours, in conformity with such as are maintained in the other branches.

Charlestown attendants' pay.

As regards Brighton, the Superintendent stated that the salaries of the attendants had been raised, within a few weeks, and since the conference of their Trustees with a Committee of this Board, and without our knowledge, and put above the grade of pay in this library; and that he had lowered them to our established scale.

Brighton attendants' pay.

The Superintendent also stated that there was no balance of the Holton Fund remaining in the hands of the Trustees of that library on the 3rd of January; and that between two and three hundred books of very recent purchase would have to be boxed till the new building was ready, as there was no shelf room for them.

Holton Fund, no balance.

Brighton books to be boxed

The Superintendent stated that the Brighton building would be ready for occupancy, in the architect's opinion, in May.

Brighton building to be ready May 74.

The forty-second report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

Supt's 42d Report.

The Superintendent reported that he had had an interview with F. V. Balch regarding a contract

Jamaica Plain Branch.

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between the Trustees of the Library with those of the  
List Fund in Jamaica Plain, for the establishment  
of a branch in that district.

Prince Library

The Superintendent stated that Mr. Samuel  
Johnson, the Chairman of the Prudential Committee  
of the Old South Church had assured him that  
there would be no action taken looking to the future  
of the Prince Library without conference with this Board.

At 10.40 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

*Wm. L.*

January 27, 1874.

Tuesday, 27 January, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 o'clock A.M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Clark, Burditt,

Curtis, Kimball, and Green.

Com. on Pub. Build-  
ings.

Also by invitation, Aldermen Emery and  
Prescott, and Councilmen Kent, Morse, and Weston, of the  
Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council, with  
Mr. Tucker, Superintendent of Public Buildings.

The President took the Chair.

The reading of the Record of the last meeting  
was dispensed with.

The following communication from the  
City Clerk was read.

City of Boston  
City Clerk's Office, City Hall.  
Jan'y 19, 1874.

This is to certify  
that the following persons have been duly  
chosen by concurrent vote of the City Council Trustees  
of the Public Library for the present municipal year.

Trustees elected.

viz.

Alderman  
John T. Clark  
Common Council  
Charles A. Burditt,  
David T. Kimball.

Attest:  
Signed] S. F. McKeary,  
City Clerk.

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The President appointed Mr. Kimball  
in Mr. Perkins's place on the Committee on Finance,  
and on the Committee on the East Boston Branch.

Com. on Finance  
Com. on E. Boston Br.

After an inspection of the building by  
the gentlemen present, and an explanation of the plan  
proposed for an enlargement of the Southwestern tower,  
it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings  
be requested to enlarge the South western tower of the  
Central Library building, according to plans shown  
to that Committee today.

Enlargement of S.W.  
Tower

It was also  
Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings  
be requested to prepare the whole of the second story of  
the Charlestown City Hall for the use of the Charlestown  
Branch.

Charlestown Branch  
Enlargement

An acknowledgment for the books sent  
by the library to the Vienna Exposition, and which  
were afterwards given to the Imperial Library in Vienna,  
was received, and ordered to be placed on file.

Imp'l Library, Vienna

The Superintendent stated that the hose  
ordered by the Trustees, had been received and was now  
in position for use if necessary.

Hose, for fire purposes

The action of the President in approving  
the requisition for February 1st, for the Charlestown Library,

President's action  
on Charlestown Reques-  
ition approved.

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it having been decided by the Auditor that it should go into the Boston Public Library accounts and in correcting a clerical error in diminution of the total amount of the general requisition, was approved.

Estimates for 1874, referred to President & Com. on Finance

Ordered, that the request of the Auditor for estimates for the coming year, be referred, when received, to the President and to the Committee on Finance.

Dog Tax not available for Chast + Brighton

The President reported regarding the dog-tax collected in Charlestown and Wroughton, that in the City Solicitor's judgment, it could not be availed of for the benefit of those branches.

President to call Feb. & march meetings

On motion of Mr. Surditt, the meetings of the Board for February and March are to be called at the instance of the President.

At 10.45 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

William  
by

February 17, 1874.

Tuesday, 17 February 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Lewis, Putnam, Green, Clark, Surditt, and Kimball; and by invitation the following members of the Committee on the Library of the City Council, — Aldermen Peters, Emery, and Prescott, and Councilmen Minot, Woods, Boardman, and Sprague.

The President took the Chair.

The reading of the Record of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Estimates for City Auditor

The Committee on the Auditor's estimates presented a schedule of appropriations to be asked for, in accordance with the Auditor's notice, and the items were finally established by vote as follows. —

Binding	\$6,500.
Books	15,000.
Catalogues	6,000.
Fuel	4,000.
Furniture	13,500.
Gas	4,500.
Expense	5,000.
Printing and Stationery	6,000.
Salaries	62,000.
Transportation	2,500.
	<u>\$125,000.</u>
Founding New Dorchester Branch and maintaining it for the year.	10,000.
	<u>\$135,000.</u>

Ways and Means, \$2,000.

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Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of March next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$7720.75. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable, March 1st, 1874.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$4662.27, is hereby specially approved.

Pay roll specially approved.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to remit to the Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co, London, the sum of £97.10.0 to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Barrings, £97.10s.0d. to

Ordered, that the Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co, be requested to pay to the order of Edward G. Allen, the sum of £97.10.0, in settlement of the Library's account with him.

Allen, E. G., £97.10s.0d. to be sent to.

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February 17, 1874.

Mr. W. G. H. Smart's request to open Bates H. in evening.

Sup't's 43d report filed

The request of Mr. W. G. H. Smart, that the Bates Hall be kept open evenings, was referred to the Committee on Administration.

The Forty-third report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

At 11.30 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

*J. Lewis*  
Secy

March 17, 1874.

Tuesday, 17 March, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Kimball, Postnam, Green and Durditt.

The President took the Chair.

The Records of the last three meetings were read and approved.

Bills Payable Ap. 1, '74.

Dr. Green, as a Special Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of April next, amounting as per cash book of this date, to \$5997.30. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Pay-roll specially approv

Ordered, That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$4548.09, is hereby specially approved.

\$500 to Mr. Whieldon, for Bunker Hill Aurora.

A special requisition for \$500. in favor of W. W. Whieldon for a file of the Bunker Hill Aurora furnished the Charlestown Library, was approved.

Library closed, in memory of Charles Sumner.

A communication from the President, notifying the Board of the closing of the Library on Monday the 16th inst. at noon, out of respect to the memory of Charles Sumner, was read, and in this connection the Superintendent stated that the Committee of Congress

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attending the funeral of Mr. Sumner, paid a hasty visit to the Library yesterday, under the escort of the Mayor and the Committee of the City Council.

The Forty-fourth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

At 10.10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

*J. Lewis*  
Secy

Tuesday, 31 March, 1874.

March 31, 1874

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 o'clock A.M.  
Messrs. Kimball, Green, and Curtis appeared, and not constituting a quorum of the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

No Quorum.

*J. Lewis*  
Secy

Tuesday, 14 April, 1874.

April 14, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 o'clock A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Curtis, Durditt, Postnam, Green, Kimball, and Lewis.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Green it was Ordered, That the President, or such member of the Board as he may name, be requested to act as Chairman of the Examining Committee, and to nominate, with the concurrence of said Chairman, five gentlemen to serve on such Committee, with the names of five others as substitutes.

Nomination of Examining Committee for 1874.

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Special Thanks to British Cons. of Patents.

A letter was read from the British Commissioners of Patents, signifying their willingness to present to the library a duplicate set of their subject matter indexes; and on motion of Dr. Putnam, the President was requested to return Special Thanks.

Public Docs. of the several British Provinces req. for the Library.

The Superintendent reported some communications from the Lieutenant-Governors of the several British Provinces, relative to giving the library sets of their Public documents.

Bills Payable.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of May next, amounting as per cash book of this date to \$ 1000.00. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Amount of Pay-Roll.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$ 4593.41 is hereby specially approved.

Remittance of £200 sterling to Baring Bros. & Co.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer, be requested to transmit to the Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co, London, the sum of Three Hundred pounds Sterling, to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

£200 to F. Hugel.

Ordered, that the Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co, be requested to place with their agent at Leipzig, the sum of Two Hundred pounds Sterling, to the credit of Dr. Felix Hugel.

£100 to E. Alberi.

Ordered, that the Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co, be requested to place with their agent at Florence, the sum of One Hundred pounds Sterling, to the credit of Professor Eugenio Alberi.

Dor. Athenæum declines to make its library a nucleus for a Branch lib. of its library as a nucleus for a branch in Dorchester.

Mr. Curtis, from the Committee on the Dorchester Branch, presented a communication from J. J. May, declining on the part of the Dorchester Athenæum, to make any offer of its library as a nucleus for a branch in Dorchester.

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April 14, 1874.

The Forty-fifth report of the Superintendent was ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was Ordered, that the Committee on Building and Grounds, consider the expediency of asking the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council, to put an hydraulic elevator in the library building, and make report thereon to the Board.

Expediency of putting an Hydraulic Elevator in the Library Building.

At 10.10 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

James L. Tuesday, 28 April, 1874.

April 28, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 o'clock A.M. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Putnam, Burditt, Green, and Curtis.

The President took the Chair.

The Record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Superintendent read a notice of a meeting with the Committee on the Library at the City Hall at 12.30 o'clock.

The President reported the names of the following gentlemen to serve on the Examining Committee, which were accepted.

- George Hunt,
- Francis T. Hayes,
- Francis Parkman,
- Rev. Charles F. Grinnell,
- Dr. T. W. Curtis,

Examining Committee appointed 1874.

- and the following as substitutes.
- Causten Brown,
- George W. Wales,
- Rev. Rev. Bishop Caddock.

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Dr. Henry W. Williams,  
Wm. C. Colbar.

Report  
of the  
Com. on B. & G.  
upon asking for an  
Hydraulic Elevator  
in the  
Central Lib. Building.

Dr. Green, from the Committee on Building  
and Grounds, reported that it might be advisable to ask the  
Committee on Public Buildings to put an hydraulic elevator  
in the library, if later in the year it is apparent that there  
is money in their hands adequate for the work, after the  
contemplated work in the Central Library Building is  
provided for.

At 10.15 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

*James L.*

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1874.

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library for organiza-  
tion, at 9.30 a. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Lewis, Put-  
nam, and Green.

The secretary read the following commu-  
nication from the City Clerk:

City of Boston.  
City Clerk's Office, City Hall.  
April 20, 1874.

This is to certify  
That George Putnam and Weston  
Lewis have been duly elected by concurrent  
vote of the City Council, Trustees at Large  
for the Public Library of the City of Boston  
for the term of three years from the first Monday  
in May next.

S. J. McCary  
City Clerk.

George Putnam  
and  
Weston Lewis  
elected Trustees

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On motion of Mr. Lewis, the by-laws and  
regulations were provisionally adopted.

A ballot was had for President, and three  
votes cast, all of which were for Wm. W. Greenough,  
and he was declared elected.

The President took the chair.

Ordered, that the President and two others be a  
committee to examine and report if any change  
in the By-laws and Regulations is necessary.

Ordered, that the first regular meeting of the  
Board be at 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> o'clock on the Tuesday of each  
month next preceding the day determined by  
the City Auditor as the latest on which the  
monthly bills shall reach him; and that the  
second regular meeting shall be a fortnight  
from the first.

Ordered, that special committees be continued  
till further ordered, as now existing.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Fi-  
nance, made a report on the salaries for the  
year, but on stating that the amount at the  
disposal of the Committee was not sufficient  
to afford the salaries that they had determined  
in each case, and that they wished further  
time to consider a few points, it was there-  
upon

Ordered, that the President of the Board and the  
Chairman of the Committee on Finance be a Com-  
mittee with full powers to regulate the pay-roll for  
the coming year, on the basis of the Report as  
presented, their final determination to be reported

By-laws and Regu-  
lations provisionally  
adopted.

Mr Greenough  
chosen President.

By-laws etc refer'd  
to Comtee for revision

Meetings of the  
Trustees.

Special committees  
continued.

Report of Committee  
on Finance.

Committee on  
Pay-roll.

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to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Capen's Sunday services dispensed with

Ordered, that the Sunday services of Mr. Capen be dispensed with.

Mr. Auerbach's services dispensed with

Ordered, that the services of Mr. Auerbach be dispensed with after November 1st, 1874.

Mrs. Barton's services dispensed with

Ordered, that the services of Mrs. L. T. Barton be dispensed with after June 1st, 1874.

Mr. Baker's services (S.B.) dispensed with

Ordered, that the services of Mr. Jos. Baker, of the South Boston Branch, be dispensed with after June 1st, 1874.

Mr. Baker allowed six weeks' pay

Ordered, that six weeks' pay be given to Mr. Baker of the South Boston Branch for his services during the time allowed under the rules for a vacation, during the past two years, he having performed the duties of janitor during the vacation term of each year.

Maj. Williams allowed 1 mo. leave

Ordered, that Maj. J. O. Williams be allowed a month's absence on half pay.

Mr. Perkins office secretary.

Ordered, that Mr. H. B. Perkins be provisionally appointed as "Office Secretary," with a yearly salary of \$1,800.

At 10.15 o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

*J. W. [Signature]*

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Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1874

May 19, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9 1/2 A. M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Putnam, Burditt, Curtis, Lewis.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

The following communications were read:—

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen. May 11, 1874.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized to make the necessary alterations in the City Hall Building, Charlestown, to accommodate a Branch of the Public Library, at an estimated cost of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, the expense to be charged to the Appropriation for Public Buildings.

Charlestown Branch Building, altered for Library

Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred. Approved by the Mayor. May 12, 1874.

A true copy. Attest:

S. F. Mc Cleary City Clerk.

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen. May 4, 1874.

Ordered, that the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized to build an addition to the Public Library building, to accommodate the department of patents and give increased room for officers, the estimated cost of said improvements being Thirty Thousand

Addition to the Public Library building ordered

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Dollars, and to be charged to the appropriation provided for the purpose in the annual appropriation for 1874-75.

Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 5, 1874.

A true copy. Attest:

J. F. McCleary, City Clerk.

British Record Commission Publications

A letter was read from Hon. Benj. Moran relative to an application to the Record Commission of Great Britain, for the free gift of their publications; and it was stated that application had again been made through the Secretary of State.

Changes in library fund investments.

A letter from the auditor was read, showing what changes had been made in the investment of the library funds.

Payroll for 1874-5.

The Committee on Finance presented the following payroll for the year 1874-5.

Central	Wm. A. Wheeler	\$2700
Library:	Jos. L. Whitney	2200
Males:	Edward Capen	2000
	Fred B. Perkins	1800
	Wm. E. Ford	1700
	Jos. Sykes	1500
	Wm. H. Foster	1400
	Elbridge Bradshaw	1300
	Max Auerbach	1200
	Chas. A. Wilson	1200
	Wm. F. Robinson	1000
	Thomas Collins	900
	A. P. C. Griffin	750
	John Barry	208
	John Bresnahan	208
	Timothy Donovan	182
	E. M. Thomas	156
	F. H. Thomas	156

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J. M. W. Pratt (evenings)	\$ 208
R. B. Ross (evenings)	313
Geo. W. Evans (evenings)	118 <sup>60</sup>
J. O. Williams 40¢ to 50¢ per hour, at Supt's discretion.	
Frederick Kyle (Sundays)	138 <sup>62</sup>

Females: Mrs. L. T. Barton (30 days)	\$66.66
Mary E. Joslyn	\$800
H. E. Green	800
H. N. Pike	800
L. J. Norton	650
L. F. Knowles	650
C. E. Porée	600
A. M. Porée	600
A. A. Nichols	650
E. S. Haley	650
A. P. Ball	650
E. J. Stevenson	650
E. T. Hill	525
Mrs. Joslyn	500
M. Allen	500
M. J. Brooks	500
J. A. Mack	500
E. J. Mack	500
Elizabeth Ross	350
Maude Ross	350
E. E. Bresnahan	325
Ellen Stevenson	260
A. M. Kennedy	208
E. F. McCarthy	208
Ella Sturmy	208
Mary Connors	156
Margaret Donovan	156
A. McGrath (evenings)	156
Katharine McGrath (evenings)	156
H. E. Mack (Wed., Sat. & evenings)	208



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M. A. Mears (Wed. & Sat.)	\$ 78.
R. M. Eastman, (45 cts. per hour)	
M. A. McGrath (30 cts per hour)	

Bindery, H. P. Hathaway	\$ 1300
A. M. Blake	1040
Martha Wheeler	494

East Boston Branch.

G. H. Hosea	\$ 900
J. C. Godbold	700
M. R. Pray	500
A. M. Wing	500
M. E. Cathcart	208
S. M. Nutter (Sunday)	91
Nellie S. Lennon (25 cts. per hour)	
J. Chilcott (8 cts. per hour)	
A. Ellis (8 cts per hour)	
L. Morse (8 cts per hour)	

South Boston Branch.

Jos. Baker (1 month)	\$ 66.33
Mrs. Keen	\$ 800
L. A. Baldwin	500
S. A. Eaton	500
A. J. Bragdon	500
A. E. McCarthy	208
L. A. Dunham (Sunday)	91
Eva Watson (8 cts. per hour)	
M. Webster (8 cts. per hour)	
S. McCarthy (8 cts per hour)	
S. Davis (8 cts per hour)	
M. Watson (8 cts per hour)	

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Roxbury Branch.

C. R. Curtis	\$ 800
H. C. Price	700
Mrs. Nye (\$5.00. and \$91. for Sundays)	591
M. Goldsmith	500
C. E. Sanborn	500
M. E. Blood	208
Ella Blood (8 cts. per hour)	
Louisa Floden (8 cts per hour)	
Rita Bellows (8 cts per hour)	
Mary Floden (8 cts per hour)	

Charlestown Branch.

C. J. Bartee	\$ 1500
Thos. E. Smith	600
J. Edwards	500
S. M. Eberle	500
Lillian Davis	156
H. Doane (Two days a week)	52
H. H. Smith (Sunday)	91
A. M. Stevens (25 cts per hour)	
A. E. Eberle (25 cts per hour)	

Brighton Branch.

M. J. Bowker	\$ 600
C. A. Wentworth	360
K. F. Wellington	91
B. T. Grailey	156
Janitor	

The above payroll was adopted.

The Committee on Finance made the Condition of Trust Funds Accounts: viz:

Bates Fund	unexpended \$2835.68
Bigelow Fund,	" 108.76
Franklin Club Fund,	over-expended, 9.56

Condition of Trust Fund Accounts

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Lawrence Fund	unexpended	\$ 499.21
Phillips Fund,	"	2050.55
Townsend Fund	"	387.16
Ticknor Fund	"	542.08
Pierce Fund	"	162.50

Bills Payable.

Mr. Lewis from the Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of June next, amounting as per cash-book of this date to \$10,077.68. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Pay-roll specially approved

Ordered, that the payroll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5171.80, is hereby specially approved.

Changes in By-Laws

The Committee on Revising the By-laws reported changes which the Superintendent was directed to embody in a new edition; also certain changes in the Regulations, to be embodied in a new edition when the present is exhausted, as follows:

Changes in Regulations

On page 2d, in the first note, after "Branch Reading Rooms, insert "Week Days and Sundays"; Erase the next paragraph of the same note  
On page 6th, erase in the first line "all members ... sixteen years of age", and "other of the" in the next line.

The amendments were adopted.

Report of the Superintendent

The 45th Report of the Superintendent was ordered on file.

Funds for petty expenses

Ordered, that the President have full powers to

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arrange with the City Treasurer for current funds when necessary to meet petty expenses in the building.

The President presented a rough plan of the Treadwell estate in Cambridge.

Treadwell estate

At 11 o'clock, dissolved.

Note: The President appointed the following Committees:

<u>Branch Committees.</u>		Branch
East Boston:	Messrs Curtis and Kimball	Committees
South Boston:	" Lewis and Burditt	
Roxbury	" Putnam and Green	
Charlestown	" Greenough and Kimball	
Brighton	" Hillard and Clark	
Dorchester	" Greenough and Burditt.	

Julius  
Ley

Tuesday, June 16th, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 a.m.  
Present: Messrs. Putnam, Green, Kimball and Burditt.

In the absence of the President, Dr. Putnam was called to the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The specifications for building the addition to the Library were ordered to be placed on file.

Specifications for new building

June 16, 1874.  
Closing on 17th at noon,  
branches all day

Ordered, That the Central Library on the 17th, be closed at noon, except the Reading Room, which is to be kept open the usual hours; and that the several branches be closed for the day.

Bills Payable

Mr Kimball as a special committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of July next, amounting to \$9410.35 as per cash-book of this date. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Pay-roll

Ordered, That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$4922.88 is hereby specially approved.

Catalogue of Imperial Library, St Petersburg

Some correspondence relative to the gift of the Catalogue of the Imperial Library at St. Petersburg was received; as was also a letter from Secretary Fish relative to the Records Commission publications of Great Britain

British Record Commission

Supt's 47th Report

The 47th report of the Superintendent was ordered on file.

Second monthly meeting omitted until Oct.

Ordered, That during June, July, August and September, the second monthly meeting of the Board be omitted.

At 10.15, dissolved.

*Julius*  
*by*

July 14, 1874

Tuesday, July 14, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 a.m. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Lewis, and Clark.

The President took the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The order of the City Council relative to a portrait of Charles Sumner was read, as follows:

Summer portrait placed in library.

City of Boston

In Board of Aldermen

June 22, 1874.

Resolved: That the thanks of the City Council be presented to F. D. Huntington and his associates for the very valuable portrait of Charles Sumner by M. Wight, which they have given to the city of Boston.

Resolved: That the portrait be placed in some suitable position in the Public Library.

Read twice and passed: sent down for concurrence. June 25, 1874. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, June 26, 1874.

A true copy. Attest: S. F. McCleary, City Clerk.

Ordered: That the Superintendent be directed to send without delay for the Sumner portrait now in the Athenaeum gallery.

The Report on the auditor's estimates for 1874-5 was ordered to be placed on file.

Estimates 1874-5 filed

The President submitted the annual report of the Trustees, which was approved by the members.

Annual report of Trustees

July 14, 1874

present. It was arranged that the separate signatures be obtained of all the members of the Board when the report is submitted to them in the proof, accompanied by the reports of the Examining Committee and of the Superintendent.

Bills payable Aug. 1st.

Mr. Lewis presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of August next, amounting to \$7796.81 as per cash-book of this date. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Pay-roll specially approved.

Ordered: That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5064.46, is hereby specially approved.

\$200 to Barings.

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be requested to remit Two Hundred Pounds to the Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

\$4.16.9. to Edu. G. Allen.

Ordered: That the Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. be requested to pay to the order of Edward G. Allen, London, the sum of Four Pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence, in settlement of the library account with him.

Supt's 48th Report

The 48th Report of the Superintendent was ordered on file.

South Boston Branch special order at next meeting.

Ordered: That the subject of the administration of the South Boston Branch be assigned to the next meeting of the Board, and that the fact be made a part of the notice for said meeting.

At 11.15, dissolved.

J. W. Lewis

July 25, 1874

Saturday, July 25, 1874.

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Library at 9.30 a.m.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green and Burditt.

There being no quorum, the following order was signed by each:

Ordered: That the President request the City Council to furnish suitable accommodations for the Dorchester Branch of this Library.

Dorchester Branch Building.

The Secretary was directed to procure two other signatures to the above order, and to notify the President to communicate the wishes of the Board to the City Council.

J. W. Lewis

Tuesday Aug. 18, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 a.m.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Burditt, Curtis, Putnam, Green, Clark and Lewis.

The President took the chair.

The record of the last two meetings was read and approved.

A notice from the Superintendent of Health relative to the building of a new stable in Van Rensselaer Place was read; and the President stated that at a meeting of the Committee on Health

Stable in Van Rensselaer Place

August 18, 1874

of the City Council, Mr. Williams had agreed to submit plans of the proposed stable to the Trustees, and that the Committee had agreed not to give permission for the erection of the building until the opinion of the Trustees upon the plans proposed, was given.

Wolcott estate

A communication was read from J. Huntington Wolcott, stating his intention to convert his present building adjoining the library to a five story warehouse, but offering as an alternative to sell the estate to the city.

Ordered that the President communicate Mr. Wolcott's letter to the City Council, appending such statement as will give the City Council an understanding of the case.

The following communication from the City Clerk was read:

City of Boston.  
In Board of Aldermen, July 27, 1874.

Building to be cleaned & painted.

Ordered; That the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized to clean and paint the Public Library Building at an estimated cost not exceeding thousand dollars to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings.

Read twice and passed: sent down for concurrence. July 31. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, August 1, 1874.

A true copy.

Attest: S. F. McCleary, City Clerk.

South Boston Comtee

At Mr. Lewis' request, his name was withdrawn from the Committee on the South Boston Branch.

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Charlestown Comtee

By request of the Board Mr. Greenough was transferred from the Committee on the Charlestown Branch to that on the South Boston Branch; and Mr. Lewis was placed on the Charlestown Branch Committee.

Ordered that the Committee on the South Boston Branch report to the Board at a meeting to be called by the President, what changes in the service of that Branch are necessary.

South Boston service

Mr. Lewis as a special committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of September, amounting to \$11,002.91 as per cash-book of this date. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable

Ordered that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$4,983.45 is hereby specially approved.

Payroll approved

The 49th Report of the Superintendent was ordered on file.

Sup'ts 49th Report

The matter of Mr. Capen's connection with the Library was referred to a special committee, consisting of the President and Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Capen.

At 11.30 dissolved.

J. Quinn  
Secy

Sept. 15, 1874.

Tuesday Sept. 15th, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 a. m.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Putnam, Burditt,  
Kimball, Curtis.

The President took the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Maj. Williams

The President made a statement regarding the ill health of Maj. Williams, and the provisional appointment of Mr. Hubbard, whose ill health renders it somewhat uncertain if he can continue to hold the place.

Mr. Hubbard

New addition, errors in plans.

The Superintendent made a statement regarding the mistakes in the plans provided by Mr. Kirby for the new addition, which the City has been obliged to rectify, as far as possible, at the cost of some thousands of dollars.

South Boston Branch

The Committee on the South Boston Branch asked leave to defer their report, owing to the absence of Mr. Lewis.

Paintings at Charlestown Branch

The Superintendent reported some extracts from the records of the City of Charlestown, relating to some paintings which had been transferred to that Branch.

Bills payable Oct 1/74

Mr. Kimball as a special committee on finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the 1st day of October, amounting to \$8764.97, as per cash-book of this date. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Sept 15, 1874

Ordered that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5223.73 is hereby specially approved.

Pay roll

The matter of the appointment of a janitor at the Brighton Branch, and of the services for the dedication of that Branch, was referred to the Committee on the Brighton Branch.

Brighton janitor  
Brighton dedication

The President made a report on the matter of Mr. Capen's connection with the Library, stating that Mr. Capen had been asked by the Committee to resign, but had declined to do so; but as it was better that a full meeting of the Board should act in the matter, final action was left for a special meeting to be called by the President.

Mr. Capen

The 50th Report of the Superintendent was ordered on file.

At 11 a. m. dissolved.

Thursday, Sept. 17, 1874.

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Library at 9.30 a. m.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Kimball, Curtis, Clark, Burditt, Putnam.

The President took the chair.

The question of Mr. Capen's relations to the Library came up by assignment, and Mr. Capen was called,

Mr. Capen.

Sept. 19, 1874. and made a statement.

It being desirable to have a full meeting of the Board on the final decision, the further consideration of the matter was again postponed, and assigned to Saturday at 9.30 a.m., to which term the meeting adjourned.

J. Adams  
Secy.

Saturday, Sept, 19<sup>th</sup>, 1874.

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Library at 9.30 a.m.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Putnam, Burditt, Clarke, Lewis, Kimball, Curtis

The President took the chair.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Auditor Ordered, that the office of Auditor be abolished.

Mr. Capen. Ordered, that the President and Messrs. Green and Kimball be a committee to see what employment if any can be found for Mr. Capen in the Library, and to report at a special meeting if necessary.

At 11.30, dissolved.

J. Adams  
Secy.

Sept. 22, 1874

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1874.

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Library at 9.30 a.m.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Curtis, Putnam, Kimball, Green, Burditt, Lewis and Clark.

The President took the chair.

The Committee appointed to consider what services, if any, can still be furnished to the Library by Mr. Capen, reported the following order, which was unanimously passed:

Mr. Capen

Ordered that the salary of Mr. Capen shall be continued till 1st January 1875 and no longer; and that after 1st October 1874, having first turned over his accounts to the Superintendent, he shall discharge such duties as may be assigned him until 1st January 1875; and for the rest of the library year he shall be paid one hundred dollars per month for six hours service per day.

The Committee on the South Boston Branch reported the following orders:

South Boston Branch

Ordered that Miss Baldwin be requested to resign.

Miss Baldwin

This was passed, Mr. Lewis only dissenting.

Ordered that Mrs. Keen be notified that she is placed upon probation for sixty days.

Mrs. Keen.

This was passed unanimously.

Ordered that the above vote be communicated by

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the Committee to Mrs. Keen, with a letter expressive of the determination of the Board that harmony must be preserved in the South Boston Branch Library.

This order was passed unanimously.

At 11 o'clock dissolved.

J. W. Green  
Secy

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 a.m. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Kimball, Clark, Green, Putnam, Hillard, Lewis, Burditt. The President took the chair. The record of the last regular meeting and of the subsequent special meetings was read and approved.

Dorchester quarters.

A communication was received from the assistant city clerk relative to quarters for the Dorchester Branch.

Fuel at Charlestown and East Boston

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to the proportionate charges to be made to the Library for fuel at the Charlestown and East Boston Branches.

Bates Hall stucco pendants.

The Superintendent presented one of the stucco pendants from the ceiling of the Bates Hall, which had been detached by dusting preparatory to painting, and which was one of many weighing between three and four pounds each, which were only kept in place by the power of adhesion in the stucco stems, over a circular

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area one inch in diameter.

Mr. Burditt reported that the Committee on Public Buildings would put columns in the new addition to the Central Library, where the floors have sunk to the extent of one inch, owing, in the judgment of the city architect, to the lack of sufficient stiffness in the iron girders to bear the filling of brick and cement.

New addition to be propped by columns.

A letter from Mr. McPherson relative to smoking by his workmen in Bates Hall was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Smoking by painters in Bates Hall.

A verbal communication was received from the Janitor to the effect that the Captain of the neighboring Fire Engine has promised to periodically work the fire escape and see that it is in order.

Fire Escape to be tested

Mr. Burditt was requested to bring to the attention of the Committee on Public Buildings the ~~the~~ matter of altering the partitions of the Library bindery, whenever the new addition shall be completed.

Bindery, in new quarters.

The Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the first day of November, amounting to \$9048.71, as per cash book of this date. The bills having been examined were allowed by the Board.

Bills Payable, Nov. 1.

Ordered that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5121.02, is hereby specially approved.

Pay roll.

A letter was received from Mr. Capen, dated Oct. 10, turning over the Library accounts, with cash, \$1,289.09 to balance, which sum the Superintendent stated had been paid to Miss Nichols, the new auditor.

Mr. Capen's acc'ts.



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Mr. Capen's accounts.

The Superintendent stated that an attested copy of the order of the Trustees requiring Mr. Capen to render his account on or before the 1st of October, was given to Mr. Capen on the day of its passage, and eight days before the time fixed.

He also stated that Mr. Capen on the 2d Oct. turned over \$124.77, being the balance shown by his account to be in his hands of money received in payment for lost books, which during three years he had neither turned into the cash account, nor invested in books in the name of the parties paying, to replace the books lost. This money account is now in the hands of Miss Nichols.

He also stated that the balance brought from 1873-4, as shown in Mr. Capen's account, namely \$77.32, was retained in Mr. Capen's hands at the end of the last financial year, contrary to the practice of City officers having money in hand, as stated to the Superintendent by the City Treasurer and City Auditor.

He also stated that the item of \$20.00 called "Deposits uncalled for," was money deposited by parties using the Library in 1854-7 and which has never been called for; and it was not known to the Superintendent that it was in Mr. Capen's hands. The list of the names of the depositors is on file.

He also stated that the item \$17.88 "overdrawn on account of J. W. M. Appleton" was drawn from the Treasury in the days when the Library was in Mason Street, to pay said Appleton for a full month's pay; but as the full month was not served, this balance was not due him and was not paid, but has since been retained in Mr. Capen's hands, and without the knowledge of the Superintendent.

He also stated that the sum of \$300.00 called

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Mr. Capen's accounts

"advance from the Treasury, 1874," was procured by the President on Mr. Capen's statement to him and to the Superintendent that at the beginning of the year he was without funds to meet the current cash expenses of the Library.

He also stated, at the request of Mr. Capen, that some years ago, when a member of the Soldier Messenger Corps had been employed on the delinquent notices, such messenger, when ill, had had advanced to him by Mr. Capen the sum of \$27.00, which sum the messenger did not live to earn, and accordingly Mr. Capen asks to be allowed the same.

On motion

The whole matter of Mr. Capen's accounts was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ordered that the Superintendent be directed to pay \$1,000 of the sum now in Miss Nichols' hands into the City Treasury, this day.

Two petitions were received from residents of South Boston relative to the action of the Trustees in requesting Miss Baldwin's resignation, and in putting Mrs. Keen on sixty days' probation. One was from citizens of that district asking for a hearing. The other was from school teachers of the same district, asking for Miss Baldwin's retention in the service.

A hearing was assigned for Tuesday Oct. 27 at 2 o'clock P. M. in the Fine Art Room; and it was directed that the leading petitioners be notified, and that a public notice be given in the South Boston papers.

The Superintendent reported a form of invitation which was to be issued to the dedication services of the new building for the Brighton Branch; and that the Mayor has signified his wil-

Mr. Capen's accounts referred.

\$1,000 to be paid to Treasury.

South Boston petitions

Hearing Oct. 27.

Brighton dedication

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City Council invited to Brighton dedication.

lingness to preside on the occasion.  
On motion of Alderman Clark it was Ordered that an invitation be extended to the City Council to attend the dedication of the new building of the Brighton Branch Library, on Thursday evening, Oct. 29.

W. T. Osborn Brighton janitor

The Superintendent stated that W. T. Osborn had been appointed Janitor of the Brighton Branch at a salary of \$600.

Maj. Williams' resignation.

The resignation of Major Williams, and a letter relative to his health, were received. The resignation was laid on the table.

N. J. McCarthy, petitions in favor of.

Two petitions relative to allowing Nath. J. McCarthy the use of table etc. within the library rails, were received, and the Superintendent was directed to make such arrangements for the accommodation of Mr. McCarthy as should be fitting.

The meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Attest, - *J. Adams*  
by

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1874.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10.30 a.m. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Curtis, Putnam, Burditt, Hillard and Kimball.

The President took the chair. The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

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Auditor's communication

A communication was received from the City Auditor relating to the appointment of Mr. Hubbard on the pay-roll and of Officer Tyler as watchman, whereupon it was

Ordered That Mr. J. M. Hubbard be employed at the rate of \$500 per annum, to begin Sept. 11.

Mr. Hubbard.

Ordered that Mr. D. W. Tyler be employed as watchman until further orders at \$3.00 per night, his pay to begin Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1874.

Mr. Tyler as watchman.

Dorchester Branch

A communication was received from the City Clerk notifying the Board of the action of the City Council in providing for the fitting up of quarters for the Dorchester Branch in the new Police Station at Field's Corner.

The Committee on Finance reported the following order, and it was

Ordered that Mr. Wheeler's salary be continued through the present month.

Mr. Wheeler's salary

The Superintendent reported that Capt. John Regan, Engineer of Engine No. 26, would take care hereafter of the Library's fire apparatus.

Fire apparatus.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report:

Oct. 24, 1874.

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred Mr. Capen's accounts, beg leave to report that they have been compared with such records as exist, and have been found correct.

Mr. Capen's accounts.

Also: That there is reasonable ground for believing that the sum of \$25.00, which he has charged himself with, should not stand in his

Payment to Mr. Capen

Oct. 28, 1874.

account, and they would recommend the passage of the appended orders.

David P. Kimball  
for the Committee  
Chairman.

Payment to Mr. Capen.

Ordered that the sum of twenty-five dollars be paid to Mr. Edward Capen, such amount having been in error charged against him in his account rendered Oct. 14, 1874.

Ordered that the allowance of \$27.00 asked for by Mr. Capen for money advanced to a member of the Soldier Messenger Corps, in 1867, should not be made.

The above two orders were passed.

South Boston; order for hearing rescinded

The Committee on the South Boston Branch reported that they had taken the responsibility of putting off the hearing directed at the last meeting for Tuesday at 2 p.m., and had requested the Superintendent to withhold the notice of the same.

Thereupon it was unanimously

Ordered that the action of the Committee be approved by the Board.

Unanimously

Ordered that the order for the hearing be rescinded.

Unanimously

Miss Baldwin removed

Ordered that Miss Baldwin's connection with the South Boston Branch Library cease Oct. 31st.

Mrs. Keen's resignation accepted.

And Mrs. Keen's resignation as librarian of the South Boston Branch having been received, it was also unanimously

Ordered that Mrs. Keen's resignation be accepted.

Mr. Wooster's communication

The following communication was received:  
Boston Oct. 28, 1874.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the Pub-

Oct. 28, 1874.

lic Library of the City of Boston:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:

I am now at the Library rooms and would respectfully request that I may be heard in the case of Miss Annie Baldwin.

Yours Respectfully  
B. M. Wooster.

Whereupon it was unanimously

Ordered: That the appropriate Committee having fully investigated the matters in the case of Miss Annie Baldwin, and the Trustees on their report and the evidence having come to a decision thereon, we deem it inexpedient to accede to the request of Mr. B. M. Wooster of this date.

Mr. Wooster's request declined.

This order was read by the Secretary to Mr. Wooster in Bates Hall.

The Superintendent's 51st monthly report was ordered on file.

Supts 51st Report

The Board now visited the Bates Hall at the request of the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council, and inspected the new decorations of that Hall.

Bates Hall decorations

At 11.30 the meeting was dissolved.

Attest, -  
Justin Davis  
Sg

Oct. 30, 1874.

Friday, Oct. 30, 1874.

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Library at 10 1/2 o'clock.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Hillard, Curtis, Green, Clark, and Kimball.

The President took the chair.

The President stated the object of the meeting, which was to take formal action as expressing the feelings of the Board on the death of William A. Wheeler, the Assistant Superintendent; and after he had testified his regard, further remarks were made by Mr. Hillard and Dr. Green; whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved

That in the death of William Adolphus Wheeler, the Assistant Superintendent of the Library, this institution has lost an officer signally fitted by scholarly accuracy and thorough research for the special duties of his position; always painstaking and helpful; courteous in every relation, answering all expectations of this Board, and faithful to the interests of the public.

That this Board tenders its sympathy to his family in their affliction, fully cognizant of a loss which to them is irreparable.

On motion it was

Ordered that the salary of Mr. Wheeler be continued for three months, and that the full amount for such term be entered on a special requisition, payable to Mrs. Olive W. Wheeler.

Ordered that the salary of Wm. T. Osborn as Janitor of the Brighton Branch, be fixed at \$600.00

Mr. Wheeler's death

Resolutions

Mr. Wheeler's salary to continue three months.

Mr. Osborn's salary as Brighton Janitor.

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per annum, beginning Oct. 1st, 1874.

At 11 a.m. dissolved.

Attest, *Julius Draxer*

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1874.

A regular meeting of the Board was held in the Library at 9 1/2 o'clock.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Hillard, Burditt, Curtis, Putnam.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last regular and last special meetings were read and approved.

A communication was received from the City Clerk relative to the connection of the Library stand pipe with the high service of the Cochituate at Park Square; and the Superintendent announced that the pipes had been laid.

High service water supply.

A communication from the City Clerk was received, as follows:

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen. Nov. 2, 1874.

Ordered, That the salary of the late William A. Wheeler, Assistant Superintendent of the Public Library, be made up to the first day of February next and paid to his widow, - said allowance to be charged to the Appropriation for the Public Library.

Mr. Wheeler's salary.

Read twice and passed. Sent down for con-

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currency. Nov. 12 came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 14, 1874.

A true copy. Attest. John T. Priest  
Asst. City Clerk.

On motion of the Committee on Finance the President was authorized to make a special requisition on the City Auditor for \$675, payable to Olive W. Wheeler, in accordance with the foregoing order of the City Council.

Mr. Williams' stable on Van Rensselaer Place.

The President stated that he had appeared before the Committee on Health at the City Hall relative to the plans of the stable which Mr. Moses Williams is erecting on Van Rensselaer Place, and for which a permit had been given with verbal condition that he would submit the plans to the approval of the Trustees, and that the plans should show a building three stories high, with openings only on the story devoted to the horses, for ventilating purposes, and that the manure pits should be on Eliot St.; and that none of these conditions have been complied with. The President further stated that Mr. Williams had promised the Chairman of the Committee on Health to come to some understanding with the Trustees on the subject.

Mr. Whitney made Asst Supt.

Ordered That James L. Whitney be promoted to the office of Assistant Superintendent at a salary to be definitely fixed at the beginning of the next financial year.

Newspapers with late Dr. Shurtleff.

The Superintendent reported a letter from Hiram S. Shurtleff agreeing to restore some newspaper volumes belonging to the library, which were in possession of his late father, Dr. N. B. Shurtleff.

The President stated that the Deacons of the

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Bay Palm Book with late Dr. Shurtleff.

Old South Church had sent a letter to Hiram S. Shurtleff requesting him to restore to the Public Library a copy of the Bay Palm Book, which, without any right, the Deacons gave to the late Dr. Shurtleff in 1860, for two volumes of Belknap's American Biographies and two volumes of Winthrop's Journal, which the Superintendent of the Library was directed to restore to said Shurtleff on receiving the said copy of the Bay Palm Book.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. W. H. Foster of the Library service had received an appointment as librarian of the Public Library at Haverhill, at a salary of \$1,700, and that he is now receiving \$1,400. It was understood that the Superintendent would hold negotiations with Mr. Foster, in order if possible to retain him in the service at such compensation as the Committee on Books and Catalogues should approve.

Mr. Foster

The Superintendent reported some correspondence with Dr. Hayes and Mr. McPherson, relative to paint rags, which were discovered lying among piles of paper in the Bates Hall,

Paint rags in B.H.

The Superintendent reported that the Superintendent of Public Buildings preferred to defer the painting of the Lower Halls of the Central Library until the next spring, and that the said Superintendent of Public Buildings would provide for the expense of said painting in his next year's estimates.

Painting Lower Hall deferred.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the 1st day of December, amounting to \$10927.03 as per cash-book of this date. The bills having been exam-

Bills Payable Dec. 1.

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ined, were allowed by the Board.

Pay roll

Ordered; that the pay roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$4891.12, is hereby specially approved.

Mr. Baker, Janitor at S. B., Sunday service.

Ordered: That Jos. Baker, the South Boston Janitor, be allowed at the rate of \$91.00 per annum for Sunday service until further orders, from Nov. 1.

T. Whyte, runner.

Ordered: That Thomas Whyte be allowed at the rate of \$182.00 per annum for runner service from Nov. 16.

British Patent Specifications; missing vols.

The Superintendent stated that the annual importation of British Patent Specifications had been received; but that vols. 42 and 47 of the specifications were missing from the lot, and that the box did not show signs of being tampered with. He stated that he had already notified Mr. Allen of the omission.

Payment to E. G. Allen.

(For correction of amt of this order, see Letter Book, pages 485-6.)

Ordered, That Mrs. Baring Bros. & Co. be requested to pay to the order of Edward G. Allen, 12 Tavistock Row Covent Garden, the sum of £109. 3s. 1d. in settlement of the library's account with him.

(See note to above ¶1 in margin.)

South Boston newspaper articles.

The Superintendent reported some editorials which appeared in the two South Boston papers, relative to the affairs of the Branch at South Boston. He also reported on the action which has been taken towards paying Miss Baldwin her last month's salary, a memorandum of which is on file.

Miss Baldwin's salary.

Miss Baldwin; petition on behalf of.

A petition was received from certain residents of South Boston for the reinstatement of Miss Baldwin in the service of the South Boston Branch, and it was referred to the Committee on the South Boston Branch.

Nov. 17, 1874 - Internat'l Exhibit 1876

The Superintendent reported that he had been asked by the Director General of the International Exhibition of 1876 for the amount of space which the library would need for its exposition, and that he intended to say in reply that two lineal feet of shelf room would suffice.

The Superintendent's 52d monthly report was ordered on file.

Ordered, That the next meeting of the Board be on the 15th of December, unless otherwise directed by the President.

Meet on 15th Dec. next.

At 11 o'clock dissolved.

Attest: - Justin Winsor Libr. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1874.

A regular meeting of the Board was held in the Library at 9.30 a.m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Curtis, Putnam, Kimball, Hillard, Green, Burditt.

The President took the Chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from James M. Bugbee, Clerk of Committees at the City Hall, relative to the stable erected in Van Rensselaer Place.

Mr. Williams' stable

The Superintendent stated that the Mayor had ordered a police officer to be stationed in the Library from 1 to 9 P.M., week-days, and while the Library

Police officer for Library.

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was open Sundays, and until further orders; the object being to preserve order and overawe persons disposed to offer insults to ladies.

Mr. Hubbard; salary.

Ordered that the salary of Mr. Hubbard be put at the rate of \$1200. per annum from January 1st 1875, through the rest of the library year.

Mr. Foster; salary.

Ordered that the salary of Wm. H. Foster be until further orders at the rate of \$1700 per annum.

Mrs. Keen; salary.

Ordered that the salary of Mrs. A. C. D. Keen in the Central Library be until further orders at the rate of \$650. per annum.

Fire at McNutt's; loss of furniture, etc.

The Superintendent stated that he was not yet fully informed whether the losses of Mr. McNutt in the recent fire would render it necessary for the Library to make new contracts for the new card catalogue case in Bates Hall, for the tables of the Patent Room, and for the fixtures of the Dorchester Branch.

Bills payable

Mr. Kimball, for the Committee on Finance, presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the 1st day of January 1875, amounting to \$554.78 as per cash-book of this date. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$4850 01, is hereby specially approved.

Miss Bragdon's salary & appointment at S. B. B.

Ordered that Miss Alice J. Bragdon be confirmed as Librarian of the South Boston Branch, with a salary of \$600. per annum from January 1st 1875, for the rest of the library year.

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Fire extinguishers for Brighton Branch.

The Committee on the Brighton Branch stated that they had authorized the Superintendent to purchase two fire extinguishers, to be put in the building of that Branch.

Ordered that Miss Mary Grosvenor Coffin and Miss Esther R. Whiton be confirmed as assistants in the Dorchester Branch, at \$500. per year each, Miss Whiton's term to commence when the Superintendent assigns her duties.

Miss Coffin & Miss Whiton asst. at Dorchester

A letter was received from Mr. Edward Capen, resigning his position in the Library, whereupon it was

Mr. Capen's resignation.

Ordered, that the resignation of Mr. Capen be accepted; and:

That: In consideration of his long and laborious term of service and zealous interest in the prosperity of the institution, the privileges of the library be extended to him, together with the good wishes of the Trustees for his future success in his new sphere.

Vote to Mr. Capen.

The Superintendent's 53<sup>rd</sup> monthly report was ordered on file.

At 10.30 dissolved.

Wm. - J. [Signature]

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1874.

A regular meeting of the Board was held in the Library at 9.30 a. m.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Kimball, Burditt, Hillard, and Curtis.

The President took the chair.

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The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Wolcott estate

A communication was read from the City Clerk, relative to the Wolcott estate.

Mrs. Parker

A letter was received from Mrs. Theodore Parker, relative to a recent gift of books and scrap-books which had belonged to the late Rev. Theodore Parker.

South Boston Branch rooms.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, relative to the re-leasing of the rooms for the South Boston Branch Library.

Janitor's assistant, additional.

A communication was received from the Janitor, asking for an additional assistant, and the Superintendent was authorized to employ one.

At 10 o'clock dissolved.

Messrs. -  
Dexter  
Sey  
Tuesday, Jan'y 12, 1875

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Library at 9.30 a.m.

Present, Messrs Putnam, Lewis, Hillard, Curtis, Burditt, Green;

Dr. Putnam, in the absence of the President, was called to the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Branch Local Boards.

A communication was received from the City Clerk, relative to the question of local boards for the branches; and another, concerning the hiring of the rooms for the South Boston Branch for another term.

South Boston Branch Rooms.

The Committee on Finance presented a sched-

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ule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the 1st day of February 1875, amounting to \$10,523.66, as per cash-book of this date. The bills, having been examined, were approved by the Board.

Bills payable

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$4803.32, is hereby specially approved.

Pay roll.

Ordered, that James F. Marsh be allowed at the rate of \$182.00 per annum for runner service from Dec. 30, 1874.

James F. Marsh, runner.

Ordered, that Jerry Sullivan be allowed at the rate of \$10.00 per week from Dec. 18, 1874.

Jerry Sullivan.

The Superintendent called attention to the policy of insurance issued by the Mechanic's Mutual Fire Insurance Co., on the Charlestown Public Library, on which there might possibly hereafter be a dividend. It was ordered to be placed on file.

Charlestown Insurance.

The Committee on the Dorchester Branch announced that the dedicating services of that Branch had been fixed for Monday evening, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at Rev. Dr. Hall's church, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Dorchester Branch Dedication.

The Superintendent announced the death of Mr. Joseph Sykes, Keeper of the Bates Hall; and the Committee on Books and Catalogues were requested to prepare and enter on the records suitable resolutions of respect for his memory and sympathy for his family.

Mr. Sykes' death.

The matter of existing vacancies in the library service was referred to the Committee on Books and Catalogues, with full powers.

Library vacancies.



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Judge Warren's request.

NOTE. See letter on file "Page 1523" for conclusion of the business.

A communication was received from Judge Warren of the Municipal Court at Charlestown, asking that the set of the Massachusetts Reports of the Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court, belonging to the Charlestown Branch, be transferred to the Judge's Room in the same building, and that the custody of them be with the Clerk of that Court, under the supervision of the Librarian of the Branch. The communication was referred to the Committee on Books and Catalogues, with full powers.

Mr. Potter's communication.

A communication from the Hon. Mr. Potter of Arlington, relative to the map prepared for the Commissioners on Annexation, by the City Surveyor, was ordered to be placed on file.

Privileges to members of College of Pharmacy

Privileges under the rules of the Library were voted to the non-resident members of the College of Pharmacy, the government of that college becoming responsible for any damage resulting therefrom.

The Superintendent's 5<sup>th</sup> monthly report was ordered on file.

Miss Nichols' salary.

Ordered that the salary of Miss A. A. Nichols, the library auditor, be at the rate of \$ 750. from Jan'y 1st, 1875.

Second monthly meeting.

Ordered that the second meeting in each month be dispensed with, except when the President shall judge it necessary to call the same.

Death of Mr. Sykes.

The following resolutions from the Committee to whom the matter was referred was offered and adopted:

Resolved That the death of Mr. Joseph Sykes deprives the Library of a faithful and useful officer, and of a careful

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watcher over the interests of the Institution.

Resolved, That this Board tenders its sympathy to his family in their affliction.

At 10.30 dissolved.

Attest, -

Justin O'Brien  
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Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1875.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Library at 9.30 a. m.

Present: Messrs. Greenough, Green, Curtis, Lewis, Hillard, and Kimball.

There were also present by invitation Aldermen Quiney and Bigelow and Councilmen Loring, Sprague and Whitmore, of the Library Committee.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from the City Auditor relative to estimates for the ensuing year.

Estimates for next year.

A communication was received from the City Clerk, announcing the re-election of Alderman John T. Clark, and Councilmen C. A. Burditt and D. P. Kimball, to the Board.

City members of the Board re-elected.

A communication was received from the City Clerk, authorizing the Trustees to print the dedication services of the Dorchester Branch, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for printing of the City Council.

Printing Dorchester Dedication services.

Mr. Lewis from the Committee on Finance pre-

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resented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the 1st day of March 1875, amounting as per cash-book of this date to \$13,452.26; The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Pay-roll specially approved.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5,466.53, is hereby specially approved.

It was also

Col. Ware, Keeper of Bates Hall

Ordered, that Col. Henry Ware be appointed Keeper of the Bates Hall, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum from Jan. 18, 1875.

Mr. Knapp, Curator of Periodicals & Pamphlets

Ordered, that Arthur M. Knapp be appointed Curator of Periodicals and Pamphlets at \$1,500 per annum from Jan. 23, 1875.

Mr. Carret, Curator of Patents & Engravings

Ordered, that José Francisco Carret be appointed Curator of Patents and Engravings, with duties as assistant in the Catalogue Department, at \$1,500 per annum from Jan. 25, 1875.

Mr. Brooks, Deputy Keeper of Lower Hall

Ordered, that Alfred A. Brooks be appointed Deputy Keeper of the Lower Hall, at a salary of \$800 per annum from Feb. 8, 1875; to come on duty each day at 12, and remain as long as required.

Mr. Davenport's pay

Ordered, that the pay of Edward Davenport, Janitor of the Dorchester Branch, be \$45. per month from Jan. 1st, 1875, including all Sunday service which may be required.

Mr. Hubbard to have \$1500 per annum

Ordered, that the salary of James M. Hubbard be at the rate of \$1,500 per annum from Feb. 1st, 1875.

G. H. Verity, runner.

Ordered, that George H. Verity be employed as Bates Hall runner at \$3.50 per week, from Jan. 22, 1875.

Ordered, that F. Arthur M. Stuart be employed as Bates Hall Runner from Jan. 22, 1875, at \$3.50 per week.

F. A. M. Stuart, runner

Ordered, that James Maglue be paid for attending to the Janitor's duties at Roxbury Branch, at \$2.50 per day, beginning Jan. 15, 1875.

J. Maglue, substitute Janitor at Roxbury

Ordered, that Miss Mary A. McGrath, having gained so far in her health as to be able to give full hours to the Library, be allowed equivalent pay (\$650. per annum) on the pay-roll from Feb. 1, 1875.

Miss M. A. McGrath on full time, \$650 a year.

Ordered, that Miss Eunice Lyon be confirmed as assistant in the South Boston Branch at \$500 per annum.

E. Lyon assistant at South Boston

Ordered, that Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. be requested to pay to the order of Henry Stevens of London the sum of £5. 15s. 6d.

£5. 15s. 6d. to H. Stevens

Mr. Lewis submitted the following report:  
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Estimates for year 1875-6.

The Committee on Finance having considered the estimates for the ensuing year, beg leave to recommend the passage of the following order.

Respectfully submitted  
Weston Lewis, Chm.

Ordered, that in response to the call of the City Auditor for the estimates for the ensuing year, the President be requested to communicate to the auditor the following schedule: -

Binding,	\$4500
Books,	15000
Catalogues,	5000
Fuel,	4500
Furniture,	3000
Gas,	5000

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Expense (Miscellaneous & General), \$4000  
 Printing & Stationery 5000  
 Salaries, 69.500  
 Transportation, 2500  
 Total \$ 118.000

Contributions to Ways & Means.

That he also be requested to say that the Library can contribute to Ways & Means the sum of \$2.000.

\$1.000 to Baring Bros. & Co.

Ordered, that the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to the Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. the sum of One Thousand Pounds sterling (£1.000), to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

The appended orders as above were passed.  
The 55th monthly report of the Superintendent was ordered on file.  
It was further

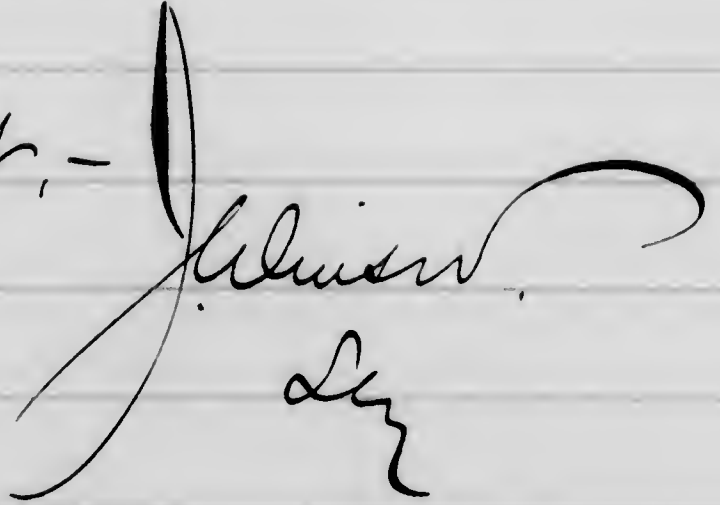
West Roxbury Free Library

Ordered, that the sum of One Thousand Dollars be added to the estimates, to enable the Trustees to carry out the provisions accompanying the offer of the West Roxbury Free Library to the City, provided the Committee on the Public Library of the City Council approve the same.

Sir W. Stirling-Maxwell.

Ordered, that the President communicate to Sir William Stirling-Maxwell the thanks of the Board for his generous donation, and that documents of the Library be sent to him to indicate the character and growth of the institution.

At 11 o'clock dissolved.

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Feb. 19, 1875

Friday, Feb. 19, 1875

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Library at 9<sup>30</sup> A. M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Hillard, Kimball and Burditt.

The President took the chair.

The following communications were received:

City of Boston. City Hall.  
February 17, 1875.

West Roxbury Free Library

At a meeting of the Joint Standing Committee of the City Council on the Public Library, held this day, it was voted to refer the offer of the corporators of the West Roxbury Free Library to the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, with a request to consider the expediency of establishing a branch library in West Roxbury upon the terms proposed.

Attest: James M. Bugbee, Clerk.

To the City Council of the City of Boston:

The subscribers, a committee appointed by the Corporation known as the West Roxbury Free Library have been authorized to arrange with the City of Boston or its representatives for the transfer of the said Library to the City, provided that the privileges conferred by the Act of Incorporation regarding its use, and location, shall be continued. West Roxbury.

February 2d, 1875.

C. A. Hewins.  
C. Bowing  
Zvi L. Willcutt.

On motion of Dr. Green it was Ordered, That in the opinion of the Trustees it is inexpedient to establish a Branch of the Library in West

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Roxbury on the terms proposed in the offer of the corporators of the West Roxbury Free Library.

Rare and costly books to Barton Room

Ordered, That the Superintendent be directed to assign at his discretion to the Barton Room, such rare and costly books as should not be used except under the eye of the curator, and that they be marked with two stars.

Boston siege medal.

The Superintendent submitted some correspondence relative to the medal struck to commemorate the raising of the siege of Boston; and relative to the M<sup>s</sup>. of Webster's reply to Hayne.

Webster's Hayne speech, notes of.

At 10.30 dissolved.

Attest. -

Justin Arden  
Secy

Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1875

A regular meeting of the Board was held in the Library at 9.30 A.M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Hillard, Putnam, Green, and Kimball.

The records of the last regular and last special meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Green it was

Examining Committee

Ordered, that the President appoint a Chairman of the Examining Committee for the ensuing year; and that the President and such Chairman report the names of five citizens, with five substitutes, to serve on such committee.

Library privileges to City Engineer's employes.

A request from sundry non-residents employed in the City Engineer's office, for privileges in the Library, was granted, these privileges to last only during their term of service in the City's employ.

March 11, 1875

Privileges to Boston Society of Civil Engineers.

A communication was received from the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, organized in 1851, asking that they might succeed to the privileges granted to a Society of similar name in 1873, - the latter Society having become merged in the former. The request was granted, on the conditions before fixed, namely; that its members would bring vouched certificates of their memberships before receiving a card; and that the Society will become responsible for any damage to the Library from its members.

Ordered, that the Superintendent be authorized to offer a reward of not exceeding \$50.00 for information leading to the conviction of any one mutilating or wantonly defacing books or periodicals belonging to this Library.

Reward for information of mutilators etc.

Mr. Kimball, from the Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the 1st day of April 1875. The bills, having been examined, were approved by the Board. The amount, as per cash-book of this date, was \$18,235.95

Bills Payable Apr. 1, 1875

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5,204.50, is hereby specially approved.

Ordered, that Miss Jennie Sheridan be paid 25 cents an hour for substitute service at Dorchester Branch.

Miss Sheridan

The Superintendent's 56<sup>th</sup> monthly report was ordered on file.

At 10.30 dissolved

Attest. -

Justin Arden  
Secy

April 20, 1875.

Tuesday, April 20, 1875.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 9<sup>30</sup> A.M.

Present, messrs. Greenough, Green, Kimball, Lewis, Hillard, Putnam, Curtis and Burditt.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent stated that in accordance with a communication from the City Clerk, conveying an order of the City Council, he had closed the Library on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 12 o'clock noon.

An attested copy of the Appropriation Bill as passed by the City Council was presented, and ordered to be placed on file.

The President reported the following names as nominees for the Examining Committee for the year, and they were approved by the Board:

- Chas. E. Ware M.D.
- Hon. B. F. Thomas
- Rev. Geo. A. Thayer
- Geo. W. Wales Esq.
- Wm. T. Adams Esq.

At 4.15. Mr. Ware at 2.15. was called by the Board to see what was done by the Board. a ballot, given to the Board was given to Mr. Ware with some seal and Johnson

Ordered that the non-resident members of the first class of the Chauncey Hall School be granted non-resident cards, entitling them to draw books in the line of their school duties, Messrs. Bushings & Ladd, the proprietors of the school, agreeing to become responsible for any misuse of the Library growing out of such grant.

Library closed on Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> 75, at 12 o'clock.

City Appropriation Bill

Examining Committee

Chauncey Hall School 1st class to have non-resident cards.

A letter was read from Judge Russell, concerning the gift of some Venezuelan public documents, and the Superintendent stated that they had reached New York.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, presented a statement of the Trust Funds account, which was ordered to be placed on file.

Mr. Lewis, from the same Committee, also presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the 1st day of May 1875, amounting as per cash-book of this date to \$10,352.34. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered that the payroll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5,628.98, is hereby specially approved.

Ordered that Joseph R. Brackett\* be allowed at the rate of \$22.00 per week.

Ordered that Michael J. Healy be allowed at the rate of \$20.00 per week.

Ordered that James Pendergast be allowed at the rate of \$18.00 per week.

Ordered that Mary Moriarty be allowed at the rate of \$9.00 per week.

Ordered that Joseph D. Brown be allowed at the rate of \$182 per annum.

A communication from Henry L. Pierce and others relative to the establishment of a Branch Delivery of the Dorchester Branch in Dorchester Lower Mills, was referred to the Committee on Administration.

A communication from Mrs. Sykes, relative to the pay of her late husband, Joseph Sykes, was referred

Trust Fund Accounts

Bills Payable May 1/75

Pay roll approved

J. R. Brackett\* \* Shd be Beckett.

M. J. Healy

J. Pendergast

M. Moriarty

J. D. Brown

Dorchester Lower Mills Branch Delivery

Mrs. Sykes

April 20, 1875.

to the Committee on Administration Finance.

The Superintendent's 5<sup>th</sup> monthly report was ordered on file.

Order-Book of Sup't

An order offered by Mr. Lewis, that the Order Book of the Superintendent be referred to the Committee on Administration, was on motion of Mr. Kimball indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Ford's extra pay.

Ordered that Mr. Ford be allowed three weeks' extra pay for services rendered during the repairs on the Library, during the season when he would ordinarily have had his vacation of that length.

At 11 a.m. dissolved.

Justin Winsor  
Secy

Monday, May 3d, 1875

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 a.m. for organization.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Kimball, Putnam, Lewis, Burditt and Frothingham.

City Trustees elected - viz. Messrs. Greenough and Frothingham.

The following communication from the City Clerk was read:

City of Boston. City Clerk's Office.  
City Hall. April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1875.

This is to certify that  
William W. Greenough and  
Richard Frothingham

have been duly elected by concurrent vote of the City Council

Trustees of the Public Library

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for three years from the first Monday of May 1875, and until others are chosen in their place.

S. F. McCleary  
City Clerk.

On a ballot for President, W. W. Greenough received six out of seven votes, and was elected.

Mr. Greenough chosen President. One vote was cast blank.

The President took the chair.

Ordered that the by-laws and regulations be provisionally adopted, and that the President and two others be a Committee to report if any revision of them is necessary.

Revision of by-laws and ordinances regulations.

The President named Messrs. Curtis and Lewis.

On a ballot for Superintendent, Mr. Justin Winsor received seven votes, and was elected.

Mr. Winsor chosen Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Lewis the Superintendent was directed to act as Secretary of the Board, and to keep their records and files.

And to be Secretary.

The Superintendent reported the case of Mrs. Farrell, who had taken a book from the Library and loaned it to another, and had not returned it; and the messenger of the Library had been turned out of the house where she stayed by its keeper, Dunton, 28 Gough St. The Chief of Police had informed the Library messenger that the police could not assist the Library in such cases; and Judge Parmenter held that the case was a breach of contract, and that the book could only be recovered by civil process.

Mrs Farrell's delinquency in not returning a book.

The Committee on Administration presented the following report:

May 3<sup>d</sup>, 1875.

The Committee on Administration, to whom

Report on Branch Delivery at Dorchester Lower Mills.

was referred the communication of Henry L. Pierce and others, relative to the establishment of a Branch Delivery of the Dorchester Branch at the Lower Mills, beg leave to

Report

That they found a community of about 3000 people in the neighborhood of the Lower Falls, who were without local library facilities, and could only avail themselves of the advantages of the branch library at Field's Corner, with expense for travel and with loss of time. It was the opinion of such of the residents as your Committee saw, that the proposed delivery would be availed of in an adequate degree. Mr. J. C. Talbot, the principal grocer of the place, has a commodious room, adjoining his store, but with a separate entrance, which he willingly gives the Library the use of, for the experimental trial. The room is on the main street, and was formerly used as a Reading Room.

Miss Ada Hills will attend to the service, as many hours as may be required, for \$125. a year.

The expressman Whall, who runs on the trains, and who is recommended preferably to those running by wagon, will take the box daily by the train that leaves Millin at 10.06, and deliver it at the Field's Corner station to Mr. Davenport, who will carry it to the Branch Library, and deliver it again in the afternoon to Mr. Whall on the train leaving Field's Corner at 3.20. For this service, daily, Mr. Whall and Mr. Davenport each want \$3.00 per month.

This will make the regular expenses of a daily delivery, for a year, -

Agent,	\$ 125.00
Expressage { Whall	36.00
Davenport	36.00
	\$ 197.00

To this must be added the cost of lighting in the short days, and also the cost of heating.

The cost at the outset for furniture, boxes, blanks, etc., would be short of \$100.; and there may be some small expenses to be added for messenger service in following up delinquents, etc.

It seemed best to your Committee, and to those of the petitioners with whom they have conferred, that the Library should not bind itself to any action, until it was ascertained by experiment that the delivery would be a success. They accordingly propose the following plan: -

1<sup>st</sup>: That the Treasurer of the Circulating Library should pay the bills for such books as the Library may buy for its Dorchester Branch, up to such limit as may be agreed upon (the income of their fund this year amounts to \$43.30) for one year, and that such books, so bought, shall be marked as the property of said Circulating Library; but be subjected during the probationary year to precisely the same regulations that govern the use of the other books of the Dorchester Branch.

2<sup>d</sup>: That the books (supposed to be about 2000 in number), now the property of said Circulating Library, be transferred to the Dorchester Branch Library, where such of them as are fit for its shelves, shall be put in circulation under such regulations, as govern the use of the other books of said Branch; but such books shall bear the mark of said Circulating Library as the proper owners of them. Such books as may ultimately be more fitly placed in the Bates Hall of the Central Department shall be stored with the Dorchester Branch, awaiting the result of the year's experiment.

3<sup>d</sup>: That a daily delivery of the Dorchester Branch be established at the Lower Mills.

4<sup>th</sup>: That if after a year's trial, the Trustees of the Public Library are not satisfied with the experiment, the books marked as the property of the

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Report on Branch Delivery, Dor. Lower Mills, cont.

Circulating Library, with those reserved for the Central Department, shall be returned to said Circulating Library, the same as received, allowing for the necessary wear and tear, and losses in circulation and use, or by fire or other casualty.

5<sup>th</sup>: If after a year's trial, the Trustees of the Public Library shall be satisfied with the experiment, then an agreement shall be entered into between the Trustees of the Public Library and the proprietors of the Circulating Library by which the Public Library shall become the owner of the Fund and the books, agreeing to make good in value to the Dorchester Branch Library, the books which may seem more suitably placed in the Bates Hall collection, and to maintain as long as shall seem useful or may be agreed, the Branch Delivery at the Lower Mills.

Your Committee should say, that they have received courtesy and assistance at the hands of the Rev. H. G. Spaulding, one of the petitioners, in investigating the subject.

They respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying orders. For the Committee,  
Weston Lewis.

Orders to establish the Dor. Lower Mills Branch Delivery.

Ordered, That the President communicate to the petitioners for a Branch Delivery of the Dorchester Branch, in the Lower Mills, a proposal on behalf of the Trustees, agreeing with the plan set forth by the Committee on Administration in their Report of May 3d, 1875.

Ordered, That in case of the acceptance of the proposal by the petitioners, the Committee on the Dorchester Branch and the Superintendent be directed to carry out the plan for a Branch Delivery at the Lower Mills, as detailed in the Report of the Committee on Administration, of May 3, 1875.

The orders were adopted.

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Sydney N.S.W. Pub. Library.

The Superintendent presented an acknowledgment from the Public Library of Sydney, N.S.W., for a box of books sent to them last Summer.

The Committee on Finance presented a report that no action be taken on the petition of Mrs. Sykes; and the report was accepted.

The Committee on Finance asked for further time to report the pay-roll, and the Board voted to meet at the call of the President to hear their report.

Ordered, That the privileges of the Library and alcoves be continued to our late associate Hon. Geo. S. Hillard.

Ordered, That the regular meeting of the Board be at 9<sup>30</sup> o'clock on the Tuesday preceding the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

The President named the following committees:

- Administration,  
Messrs. Putnam, Lewis, Frothingham.
- Building and Grounds,  
Messrs. Green, Clark, Burditt.
- Books and Catalogues,  
Messrs. Greenough, Frothingham, Green, Curtis.
- Finance,  
Messrs. Lewis, Clark, Kimball.

Branch Committees:

- East Boston. - Messrs. Curtis and Kimball
- South Boston. - Messrs. Lewis and Green.
- Roxbury. - Messrs. Putnam and Green
- Charlestown. - Messrs. Frothingham and Burditt
- Brighton. - Messrs. Greenough and Clark.
- Dorchester. - Messrs. Greenough and Burditt.

Mrs. Sykes' petition

Privileges to Mr. Hillard.

Regular Meeting

Committees of the Board.

Branch Committees.



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AA 10.40 dissolved.

Justin Warner  
Secy

Friday, May 14, 1875.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 9.30 A. M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Frothingham, Curtis, Putnam, Lewis and Burdett.

The President took the chair.

By-laws and regulations revised.

The special committee on the revision of the by-laws and regulations reported changes which were adopted, and will appear in print as revised at this date.

Holiday June 17<sup>th</sup>

A motion to include the 17<sup>th</sup> of June among the days on which the Library is always to be closed was lost; but on motion of Dr. Green it was

Allowed this year

Ordered, that the Library be closed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June next.

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On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

£200 to Flügel

Ordered, that Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. be requested to place with their agents at Leipzig the sum of £200. to the credit of Dr. Felix Flügel.

£100 to Alberi

Ordered that Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. be requested to place with their agents at Florence the sum of £100 sterling, to the credit of Signor Eugenio Alberi.

Miss Bowker's resignation

It was announced that Miss Bowker of the Brighton Branch had resigned.

Lower Mills proposition accepted.

It was announced that the proprietors of the Lower

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er Mills Circulating Library had acceded to the proposition of the Trustees; and that the fund, if the experiment succeeded, eventually to be turned over to the City will be about \$300.

The Committee on Finance reported the pay-roll for the year, which after amendments was adopted as follows: Pay-roll for 1875-6

Central Library.	J. L. Whitney	\$2500.00
Males.	F. B. Perkins	1800.
	H. Ware	1500.
	W. H. Foster	1700.
	W. E. Ford	1700.
	J. M. Hubbard	1500.
	A. M. Knapp	1500.
	J. T. Carret	1500.
	C. A. Wilson	1200.
	E. Bradshaw	1300.
	A. P. C. Griffin	900.
	T. Collins	900.
	W. F. Robinson	1000.
	A. A. Brooks	800.
	F. W. Kyle	346.67
	R. B. Ross.	313.
	J. Bresnahan	221.
	T. Donovan	195.
	E. Thomas	195.
	F. H. Thomas	195.
	T. Whyte	182.
	G. H. Verity	182.
	F. A. M. Stuart	182.
	J. Sullivan	520.
	J. D. Brown	182.
Females	L. S. Norton	\$700.
	L. F. Knowles	650.
	C. E. Porée	600.

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H. N. Pike	\$ 500.
A. M. Pore	600.
A. A. Nichols	800.
M. E. Joslyn (36c. per hour, or \$800 per year if she elects to return to the regular service.)	600.
S. A. Joslyn	650.
L. S. Haley	700.
A. P. Ball	650.
M. A. McGrath	650.
L. J. Stevenson	650.
A. C. D. Keen	800.
H. E. Green	550.
E. T. Reed	525.
M. L. Brooks	500.
S. A. Mack	500.
E. J. Mack	450.
L. Ross	450.
M. Ross	350.
E. E. Bresnahan	273.
E. Stevenson	260.
A. Kennedy	221.
E. J. McCarty	208.
E. Sturmy	156.
A. McGrath	156.
M. Connor	156.
C. McGrath	208.
A. Mack	78.
M. A. Mears	111.28
A. G. Shea	156.
Mr. Boyle	156.
Mrs. Eastman (@ 45¢ per hour)	156.
Maggie Donovan	

East Boston Branch.

G. H. Hosea	\$ 900.
S. B. Godbold	700.
M. R. Pray	500.

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A. M. Wing	\$ 500.00
M. E. Cathcart	208.
Sunday assistant	91.
N. L. Lennon @ 25c. per hour	
H. F. Ellis " .05c. " "	
J. P. Todd " .05c. " "	
A. M. Keen " .05c. " "	

Youth Boston Branch.

J. Baker	\$ 791.00
A. J. Bragdon	700.
E. A. Eaton	500.
Eunice Lyon	500.
H. E. McCarty	208.
Eva Watson @ 25c. per hour	
Emma Davis " .05c. " "	
Lizzie McCarty " .05c. " "	
Mary Watson " .05c. " "	

Roxbury Branch.

B. R. Curtis	\$ 500.00
H. C. Price	700.
J. A. Nye	591.
M. Goldsmith	500.
C. E. Sanborn	500.
M. C. Blood	208.
M. Flooden @ .05c. per hour	
S. Purcell " .05c. " "	
Ida Blood " .05c. " "	
L. Burns " .05c. " "	

Charlestown Branch.

C. S. Cartee	\$ 1000.
T. E. Smith	600.
S. Edwards	500.
S. M. Eberle	500.

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L. Davis	\$ 156.00
A. E. Eberle @ 25c. pr hour	
H. N. Davis " 25c. " "	
M. L. Nichols " 50c. " "	

Brighton Branch

Wm. T. Osborn	\$ 600.
C. A. Wentworth	360.
B. Greeley	156.

Dorchester Branch

M. G. Coffin	\$ 550.
C. R. Whiton	500.
J. Sheridan @ 25c. per hour	
C. Davenport	540.

Binders' Pay-Roll.

F. P. Hathaway	\$ 1300.
A. M. Blake	1040.
R. Cerri	1040.
J. R. Beckett	1144.
M. Healy	1040.
J. Fendergast	980.
M. Wheeler	494.
M. S. Austin	494.
M. Moriarty	468.

The Superintendent's 50<sup>th</sup> monthly report was ordered on file.

At 10.40 dissolved.

Justin Alessi  
Secy

May 18, 1875.

Tuesday, May 18, 1875.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 9<sup>30</sup> A. M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Lewis and Bidditt.

The President took the chair.

The record of the last regular and last special meetings was read and approved.

The Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the 1st day of June 1875, amounting as per cash-book of this date to \$9,315.58; - The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered that the pay roll included in the requisition, amounting to the sum of \$5,603.37, is hereby specially approved. Payroll

A communication from the Secretary of the Lower Mills Circulating Library, accepting the proposition of the Trustees, was ordered to be placed on file. Dorchester Lower Mills Branch Delivery

Resolved,

That the thanks of the Trustees be given to Mr. J. C. Talbot of Dorchester Lower Mills for granting the use of the room in his building at the Lower Mills; and that we recognize it as a kindly act of assistance in trying the experiment of a Branch Delivery. Thanks to Mr. Talbot.

The Superintendent presented his Order Book. Order Book.

At 10.11 dissolved.

Justin Alessi  
Secy

June 15, 1875

Tuesday June 15, 1875

The Trustees met in the Library at 9.30 A.M.  
Present, Messrs. Greenough, Putnam and Green.

The routine business was gone through with, subject to the approval of a quorum at the next meeting.

The Annual Report of the Superintendent was presented.

Roof of new addition.

The Superintendent gave notice that the roof of the new addition had proved leaky, and that the Committee on Public Buildings had given orders to have it stripped and repaired.

The requisition for July 1st 1875, amounting to \$10,017.59, was examined and approved by the members present; and on subsequent approval by Messrs. Lewis and Burditt, making a majority of the Board, the President signed it.

The pay roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5609.88, was examined and approved in like manner, and was by subsequent approval by Messrs Lewis and Burditt, making a majority, specially approved by the Board.

The following orders were passed by the Board subject to the subsequent approval of Messrs. ~~Greenough, Putnam and Green~~, making a majority of the Board:

Brescott, Sunday service at Charlestown.

Ordered, That Geo. H. Prescott be allowed at the rate of \$91.00 per annum for Sunday service at Charlestown Branch.

Inman, Sunday service at East Boston.

Ordered, That Ida G. Inman be allowed at the rate of \$91.00 per annum for Sunday service at East Boston Branch.

Watson, asst., S. Boston

Ordered, that Miss Eva Watson be confirmed as assistant

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in South Boston Branch at \$500.00 per annum.

Ordered, That Miss M.A. Hills be allowed at the rate of \$125.00 per annum as Lower Mills Delivery Agent.

Hills, Delivery Agt, Lower Mills.

Ordered, That Clara A. Wentworth be allowed at the rate of \$500. per annum from May 7th, 1875.

Wentworth, her pay.

Ordered, That Margaret Doyle be allowed at the rate of \$102.00 per annum from June 1st, 1875.

Doyle, Margt, pay.

Ordered, That Annie G. Shea be allowed at the rate of \$50.00 per annum from June 1, 1875.

Shea, her pay.

The Superintendent presented a bill for heating the South Boston Branch, with a charge for janitor's service; and it was decided to transmit the same to the Superintendent of Public Buildings for his approval.

S. Bost. Branch, heating and janitor bills.

A communication was received from Miss Catharine Stetson, making gift of a bust of the late Rev. Dr. Walker to the Charlestown Branch, on condition that it should always be kept there; whereupon it was

Stetson, Miss, gives bust of Dr. Walker.

Ordered, that the Trustees return their thanks to Miss Stetson for the gift of a bust of the late Dr. Walker to the Charlestown Branch, and that it be accepted on the condition that it shall always be kept in the apartments of that Branch.

Stetson, Miss, thanked by Trustees.

The President made a statement regarding a public meeting held at the Lower Mills last evening, at which he was present, and whose purpose was to bring the facilities of the Library to the attention of citizens in that region.

Lower Mills, meeting of citizens.

The Superintendent's 59th monthly report

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Decoration Day.

The Superintendent presented his Order Book. A communication was received from the President stating that by his orders and according to custom the Libraries had been closed at noon on Decoration Day.

Webster portrait loaned for Bunker Hill speech.

Ordered, That if requested, the picture of Daniel Webster in the Charlestown Branch be loaned to the Bunker Hill Monument Association for use in the tent where the oration is to be delivered on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant.

At 10.15 dissolved.

Justin Osborn  
Secy

Tuesday, June 29, 1875

A special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 9.30 A.M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Green, Tutnam, Frothingham, Lewis, Kimball and Burditt.

The President took the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved, and the orders passed at that meeting were confirmed.

Painting Lower Hall.

The Superintendent announced that Mr. McPherson was to begin the painting of the Lower Hall Delivery Room on Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup> and that it would take a fortnight to complete it.

Painting main entrance

It was agreed that Mr. Burditt should confer with Mr. Tucker about having the main entrance hall painted at the same time. The Superintendent an-

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nounced that the Reading Room would be kept open; and that such a delivery of Lower Hall books as was practicable would be maintained through the Reading Room.

The Annual Report as prepared by the President was read and accepted, and the signatures of the Trustees were authorized to the Report, which is to be made to the ~~Council~~<sup>City</sup> Council in print.

Annual Report 1874-5.

The following communication was received:

Dorchester Lower Mills Resolutions.

Gentlemen,

At a public meeting held June 14, 1875, by the citizens of Dorchester Lower Mills, to inaugurate the opening of a Branch of the Public Library, the following resolves were adopted.

"Resolved that the hearty thanks of the residents of this village be given to the Trustees of the Dorchester and Milton Circulating Library, and also to the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, for the establishment of a Branch Delivery of the Public Library in this village."

per order,

Henry Pope

To the

Trustees of Boston Public Library.

The Superintendent presented his Order Book.

At 10.30 dissolved.

Justin Osborn  
Secy

July 20, 1875.

Tuesday, July 20, 1875

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 9.30 A.M.

Present, Messrs. Putnam, Green, Burditt and Frothingham.

In the absence of the President, Dr. Putnam was called to the chair.

The records of the last meeting and of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent stated that since the 6<sup>th</sup> of July the Lower Hall Delivery Room had been given up to the painters and <sup>to the</sup> carpenters, who were altering the counters, and that the Lower Hall circulation had been maintained through the Reading Room with a small decrease attending it.

Lower Hall alterations and painting

Stand-pipe

The Superintendent was directed to lay before the Superintendent of Public Buildings the necessity of protecting the stand pipe from the cold before the winter's coal is got in.

Richardson estate lease

The Superintendent stated that he had requested the Superintendent of Public Buildings to notify the Trustees before extending the lease of the Richardson estate to Dr. Garratt, since Dr. Garratt desired such an extension from January 1st 1876, when his lease expires.

Mr. Burditt as a special committee on finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on the 1st day of August 1875, amounting as per cash-book of this date to \$ 11,409.55. The bills, having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered that the pay roll included in the requisition, amounting to the sum of \$ 5,584.43, is hereby specially approved.

Two communications were received from the South Boston Savings Bank, relating to the charges for heating and Sunday service of janitor, and the Superintendent was directed to include the bill in the next requisition, subject to the approval of the Board at that time.

South Boston heating and janitor.

The death of Miss Eva Watson of the South Boston service was announced.

Death of Miss Watson

Ordered that Mr. C. F. Wheeler be confirmed as janitor of the Brighton Branch after August 1st, at the rate of \$50.00 per month.

Mr. Wheeler janitor at Brighton.

The Superintendent's 60<sup>th</sup> monthly report was ordered on file.

At 10 o'clock dissolved.

Justin Owsen  
Secy

Wednesday Aug. 18, 1875.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 9.30 a.m.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Lewis, Burditt and Frothingham.

The President took the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Superintendent presented two letters asking for later hours in the Lower Hall, written evidently in the same hand, but signed by different names, and the writers not to be found at the addresses given.

Later hours asked in Lower Hall.

The President was requested to prepare a memorial to Congress in relation to the printing of the Library's

Index to U.S. Public Documents.

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index to the United States Public Documents, in aid of the efforts to be made by Mr. Spofford the Librarian of Congress, and to secure the cooperation of the City Government and of other libraries.

Ticknor catalogue

The first sheet of the Ticknor Catalogue was presented by the Superintendent; and the Board were informed that the supplement to the Dorchester catalogue was nearly ready.

Dorchester catalogue  
suppl<sup>t</sup>

British Patent Specifications, subpoenas for.

The President stated that the City Solicitor had notified him that he would appear in Court with the Superintendent, whenever the Superintendent should be subpoenaed with the British Patent Specifications.

Richardson estate

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to the extension of the lease of the Richardson estate.

Italian invoice

The Superintendent stated that the Italian invoice was on the way to New York in the steamship Assyria, and that he had got it insured.

Mr. Lewis <sup>from the</sup> ~~as a~~ special committee on finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on Sept. 1st, amounting as per cash-book of this date to \$9,994.41; The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to the sum of \$5,586.27, is hereby specially approved.

A. Newmarch, runner

Ordered that Alfred Newmarch be allowed at the rate of \$182.00 per annum for runner service.

Mr. Curtis' resignation,  
orders thereon.

The following preamble, order and vote were adopted:

Whereas Mr. Daniel Sargent Curtis, a member of this Board, advised by letter the President of the Board of Trustees on the date of 24<sup>th</sup> July, of the removal of his residence to Newport, R. I., thereby vacating his member-

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ship, -

Ordered, That the President of this Board be requested to communicate the resignation of Mr. Curtis to the Mayor and City Council.

Ordered, That the privileges of the Library be extended to Mr. Curtis, with special permission to take four books on the usual terms to privileged borrowers.

The Superintendent's 61st monthly report was ordered on file.

At 11 o'clock dissolved.

Justin Almer  
Secy

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1875

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 9.30 a.m.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Putnam, Kimball, Green, Lewis, Frothingham, Burditt.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Judge Russell, relative to a shipment of books from Caracas, and one from Mr. D. S. Curtis, in relation to privileges granted to him in the Library. Judge Russell. Mr. D. S. Curtis

Mr. Lewis from the Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on Oct. 1st, amounting as per cash-book of this date to \$10,073.24. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to the sum of \$5,768.52 is hereby specially approved.

1553 Oct. 19, 1875.  
Baring Bros.,  
credit for Riaño, Madrid.

Ordered That the Messrs. Baring Bros. be requested to place with their agent at Madrid, £100 sterling, to the credit of Don Juan F. Riaño.

Treadwell estate

A letter from the Trustees of the Treadwell Estate relative to their first account, was ordered on file.

South Boston: assistants.

On recommendation of the Committee on the South Boston Branch, Miss Abbie Dalton was appointed an assistant in that Library at \$500. per annum salary; and Miss Emma C. Davis, now a substitute, was appointed an assistant, to take effect upon the resignation of Miss Lyon, at the same salary.

Phil<sup>l</sup>. Centennial.

A communication from Hon. George B. Loring relative to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, was ordered on file.

The Superintendent's 62<sup>d</sup> monthly report was ordered on file.

At 10 o'clock dissolved.

Note: By requirement of the City Auditor, the amount to be charged to the Ticknor Bequest appropriation was subsequently put into a special requisition of \$214.20, thus diminishing the requisition as passed, by that amount; and the President and Superintendent signed in the usual forms the said special requisition.

Justin Amers  
Secy

Tuesday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1875.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 7.30 A.M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Putnam, Green, Lewis, Burditt and Frothingham.

The President took the chair.

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The record of the preceding meeting was read and approved. Nov. 8, 1875.

The resignation of Miss M. J. Brooks was presented. Miss Brooks resigns.

Mr. Lewis from the committee on finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on Nov. 1st, amounting as per cash-book of this date to \$9,327.52. The bills, having been examined, were approved by the Board.

Ordered, That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to the sum of \$5,678.02, is hereby specially approved.

Ordered That Miss Josephine Hewins be allowed at the rate of \$500. per annum. Miss Hewins' pay.

Ordered That Miss Emily C. Osgood be allowed at the rate of \$500. per annum. Miss Osgood's pay.

Ordered That G. W. Merson be employed as Bates Hall runner at \$152.00 per annum. G.W. Merson, runner.

Ordered That Edward Kennedy be allowed at the rate of \$208.00 per annum for week-day evening service, and \$138.67 per annum for Sunday service. E. Kennedy, evenings and Sundays, pay.

The Superintendent's 63<sup>d</sup> monthly report was ordered on file.

At 10.15, dissolved.

Justin Amers  
Secy

Monday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1875.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 9.30 a.m.

Present, Messrs. Green, Putnam, Kimball and Frothingham.

In the absence of the President, Dr. Putnam



Nov. 16, 1875

Mr. Hillard elected

Paying off.

Enlargement of Bates Hall gallery.

was called to the chair. The Superintendent read the certificate of Mr. Hillard's election to the Board; and reported about the new arrangements for paying off the service through an agent of the Treasury Department.

On motion of Dr. Green of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, it was

Ordered, That the plan prepared by the city architect for the enlargement of the first gallery at the rear end of the Bates Hall, be adopted, as providing the necessary room for the extension of the official card catalogue; and that the President request the City Council to carry out the same.

At 10 o'clock dissolved.

Justin Quarr  
Secy

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1875

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 9:30 A.M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Hillard, Kimball, Burditt, Green, Lewis. The President took the chair.

The records of the last regular and last special meetings were read and approved.

Trust funds

Mr. Kimball from the Committee on Finance, made a report on the condition of the Trust Funds account, which was ordered on file.

On motion of Mr. Kimball it was

Drat on Barings, favor Allen, £113.19.7

Ordered, That Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. be requested to pay to the order of Edward G. Allen, 12 Tavistock Row, Covent Garden, the sum of £113.19.7.

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Mr. Lewis from the Committee on Finance, reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on Dec. 1st, amounting as per cash-book of this date to \$10,157.17. The bills, having been examined, were approved by the Board.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to the sum of \$5,566.88, is hereby specially approved.

Ordered, that Miss Emma L. Clarke be allowed at the rate of \$500. per annum, from Nov. 1, 1875.

Miss Clarke at \$500.

The President read his draft of a memorial to Congress, relating to the printing of the index to the Congressional Documents, and it was adopted.

Memorial to Congress on Cong. Doc. Index.

On motion of Mr. Lewis it was

Ordered That the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council be requested, in consultation with the Superintendent of the Library, to report plans for rendering the Richardson estate available for Library purposes.

Richardson estate

The 6<sup>th</sup> monthly report of the Superintendent was ordered on file.

At 10.30 dissolved.

Justin Quarr  
Secy

Dec. 16, 1875

Thursday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1875

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 9<sup>30</sup>. A. M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Hillard, Lewis, Green, Kimball, Frothingham.

The President took the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

A communication was received from the President relative to the closing of the Library on the occasion of the funeral of the Vice President of the United States

The Superintendent reported.

1<sup>st</sup> That an invoice of documents of the German Parliament had been received through the instrumentality of Mr. F. Kapp.

2<sup>d</sup> That a second invoice of South American books was on the way from Judge Russell.

3<sup>d</sup> That a photograph of Jonathan Phillips had been taken from a portrait in the keeping of Edward D. Sohier Esq., to be copied by engraving in the new book plate of the Phillips Fund, and that an enlarged copy of it had been framed for the Mayor's Room at the City Hall.

4<sup>th</sup> That the duties imposed upon an imperfect set of the plates of Audubon's Birds, on the ground that they were engravings and not a book, had been refunded to Little, Brown & Co. by decision of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the ground that they were an unbound book.

5<sup>th</sup> That the new counter for the Bates Hall was in progress.

6<sup>th</sup> That Mr. Wm. R. Plunkett of Pittsfield had written that the interior arrangement of the Berkshire Athenaeum has been modelled somewhat upon our Roxbury Branch building

7<sup>th</sup> That he was in consultation with the City Architect in preparing plans for an extension

Funeral of Vice-President Wilson.

German Parliament documents.

Venezuela books

Phillips portrait

Duties on Audubon's Birds

Berkshire Athenaeum

Library extension over Richardson estate

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of the Library over the Richardson estate.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on January 1st 1876, amounting as per cash-book of this date to the sum of \$ 9,554.67. The bills having been examined, were approved by the Board.

Ordered, That the pay roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$ 5,567.27, is hereby specially approved.

Ordered, That Miss Mary Elizabeth Brock be provisionally appointed Librarian of Brighton Branch, at a salary of \$ 500. per annum from Dec. 1st, 1875.

Miss Brock librarian at Brighton

Ordered That Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. be requested to place £ 24. 6. 3 to the credit of Cha<sup>s</sup>. Reinwald, with their agent at Paris.

Taylor's Voyages Pittoresques

This sum is in payment for a set of Taylor's Voyages Pittoresques delivered here by F. W. Christern, payment being made to Mr. Christern's agent in Paris, at his quotation of exchange for \$ 1045.85.

The Superintendent drew attention to a picture of Tremont St., painted presumably by a daughter of General Knox about 1800, which had been presented by the President and other gentlemen as is recorded on its back, and a letter from B. P. Shillaber relating to it was ordered on file.

View of Tremont St. & D. 1800 by Miss Knox?

The memorial to Congress relative to the printing of the index to Congressional documents, with the signatures so far acquired, was laid before the Board.

Index to Congressional documents.

The Superintendent reported correspondence relative to the importation of foreign books for the Branches beyond the two copies allowed by law under the decision of the collector, which correspondence

Importing foreign books for Branches

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had been had with the Collector of Boston and the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Superintendent's 65<sup>th</sup> monthly report was ordered on file.

Meeting, hour to be 10 a.m.

Ordered, That the hour of meeting of the Board be, till further ordered, at 10 a.m. instead of 9<sup>30</sup> a.m.

At 11 o'clock dissolved

Justin Oliver  
Supt

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1876.

A regular meeting of the trustees was held in the library at 10 A.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Billard, Putnam, Frothingham, Green, Simball & Busdett.

The President took the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Phillips' portrait.

A communication was received from the Mayor acknowledging the receipt of a photographic portrait of Jonathan Phillips, a gift of the trustees to the Mayor's official apartments in the City Hall.

Books on indebted books

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Treasury affirming the decision of the Collector of Boston, as regards the rule limiting the library's imbursement of new books to two copies, and the Supt. stated that Mr. Pierce, the representative in question, had offered to bring the matter to the attention of the Committee of Congress on ways & means.

Patent specifications

A communication was received from Jas. M. Bagby, Sec'y to Mr. Pierce, presenting to the library a set of the large Patent Specifications, filling in the gap between the old & new series, and the President was requested to return to him suitable acknowledgements.

The committee on finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Feb. 1, 1876, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$10,656.85. The bills having been examined were approved by the board.

Ordered: That the pay roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5,622.33, is hereby specially approved.

Ordered: That John Cameron be employed as Water Ball runner at \$3.50 per week, from Jan. 8, 1876. J. Cameron, runner

Ordered: That the superintendent appropriate the salary of Wm. B. Foster to the account of the branch where he may be working for the time being. W. B. Foster

Ordered: That the Supt. supply the runners with sables & uniform coats, with a separate number for each boy on the coat. Thomas W. Chestnut

Ordered: That the Messrs Haring Bros. be requested to place with their agents at Leipzig, the sum of £200, to the credit of Dr. Thiel. Irving Brooks & Co.

The Supt. stated that the Memorial to Congress relating to the printing of an index to the U.S. documents had been intrusted to Mr. Pierce for presentation, and that a letter had been received from Mr. Spofford, Librarian of Congress, offering to the printing of it separately by Congress. Index to U.S. documents

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The letter was placed on file, together with Mr. Spoford's printed report on the work he proposes to do on an index to the entire series of documents, laws and debates.

Philadelphia Exposition

Ordered, That the matter of the library's representation at the Philadelphia Exposition be referred to the Subt and Subt. with full power.

Order from the Philadelphia Librarian

The Subt presented his order book & monthly report for Dec.; also a circular from John D. Philbrick, agent, requesting the library to prepare plans of the library building for the exposition at Philadelphia.

At 11 o'clock, dissolved.

Attest.

Justin Quier

Thursday, Feb. 17, 1876.

A regular meeting of the trustees was held in the Library at 4 P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Billard, Lewis, Nottingham, Green, Clark, Pope and Guild.

There were also present by invitation the following members of the Committee on the Library of the City Council: Aldermen Thompson and Burnham; and Councilmen Fith, Taylor, Shepard, and Morrill.

The president took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communication from the City Clerk was read:

Jan. 24, 1876

Feb. 17, 1876

This is to certify

That the following persons have been duly elected by the City Council, Trustees of the Public Library, on the part of the City Council, for the present municipal year, and until others are chosen in their places.

Trustees elected

Alderman

John F. Clark

Common Council

Curtis Guild

Benjamin Pope

Attst

L. F. McKeary

City Clerk

The Subt stated that the regular order had been received from the City Auditor relative to the estimates for the year, and that the President had referred it to the usual Committee consisting of himself, the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and the Alderman in the board. That Committee then presented the following report:

Estimates for the year

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The Committee entrusted with estimating the expenses of the Library for the coming year beg leave to report the accompanying orders.

Wm. W. Greenough

Chairman

Ordered, That the President be requested to communicate to the City Auditor the following schedule of estimates for the ensuing year.

Bonding	5000	Gas	5000
Books	10000	Expense	3000
Catalogues	5000	Printing Stationery	5500
Fuel	4000	Salaries	69,500
Furniture and repair	2000	Transportation postage &c	2500

Feb. 17, 1876.

Making a total of \$111,500.

Ordered, that the President be requested to communicate an estimate of the contribution to trays and means, at \$2500.

The orders were passed. The Supt submitted the following statement:-

Increase of circulation and expense since 1868.	Circulation	January 1868	January 1871	January 1876.	Change increase
Bates Hall			8945	12529	over 40
Lower Hall			27546	39996	over 40
Central Library Branches			75855	104,195	37
Central Library & Branches	20,049			104,195	400
Central Library alone	20,049			52,525	160
Bates Hall (higher books)	3798			12,529	
Lower Hall	16,251			39,996	
<u>Expenses.</u>					
Appropriation	50000			718,000	130
Each book costs 1/3 to issue it in 1876, of what it cost in 1868.					
<small>cost in 1876 per volume</small>					
Brighton Branch				\$500	18c6
Lower Hall Delivery				" 25	2 1/2 cts

The Supt stated that the salary roll had been sent to the Committee on salaries of the City Council by their request.

The Supt stated that there had been delays in the Patent Office in sending the gift of Specifications made by Mr. Pierce to the Library.

A communication from Mr. Thomas G. Appleton relative to a posthumous gift to the Library was placed on file.

The committee on finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, Mar 1, 1876 amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$11249.31. The bills having been examined were approved by the board.

Salary roll sent to Com. on salaries of City Council.

Patent specifications

T. G. Appleton, posthumous gift

Ordered, that the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to \$5629.76, is hereby specially approved. Feb. 17, 1876.

Ordered, that Richard Kay be employed as Bates Hall runner at \$182 per annum. R. Kay runner.

A communication from Mrs. Tye of the Roxbury Branch asking for a hearing before the board, and a petition from sundry residents of Roxbury in her favor was referred to the Committee on the Roxbury Branch. This was in consequence of a notice given to Mrs. Tye by the Supt under direction of the Committee on the Roxbury Branch that her resignation was requested before the making up of the pay roll for the next year.

The President made changes in the Committees, so that they shall stand as follows:-

- Administration - Messrs. Putnam, Lewis, & Hothingham.
- Building and Grounds - Messrs. Green, Clark, & Pope.
- Books and Catalogues - Messrs. Greenough, Green, Hothingham, & Billard.
- Finance - Messrs. Lewis, Clark, & Guild.

- Branch Committees:
  - East Boston - Messrs. Billard and Guild.
  - South Boston - Messrs. Lewis and Green.
  - Roxbury - Messrs. Putnam and Green.
  - Charlton - Messrs. Hothingham and Pope.
  - Brighton - Messrs. Greenough and Clark.
  - Dorchester - Messrs. Greenough and Pope.

The Supt reported a communication from the Clerk of Committees relative to the Copley picture and stated that answer had been returned that a

Mrs. Tye.

Committee

Copley picture

Mar. 14, 1876. condition of the gift rendered it impossible for the picture to be removed from the building.

The Supt presented his order book, and monthly report for January.

Examining Com.

Ordered. That the President appoint the Chairman of the Examining Committee and that, in consultation with such Chairman, he nominate to the board the members of the Committee with substitutes. The President named Mr Frothingham as Chairman of the Committee.

At 6 o'clock, dissolved.

Attest:  
Justin Winsor

Tuesday Mar. 14, '76

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 A.M.

Present, Messrs Grosvenor, Lewis, Green, Toba and Quind.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Committee on Public Buildings, respecting their willingness to meet the Trustees at 4.30 o'clock, in relation to the gallery in Bates Hall.

S. A. Drake

A letter from S. A. Drake relative to the purchase of his father's library was placed on file.

The committee on Finance presented

a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on April 15<sup>th</sup> amounting to for cash book of this date to the sum of \$12,667.96. The bill having been examined it was approved by the Board.

Nov. 14, 1876.

Ordered. That the tax roll included in the revision amounting to \$5702.22, is hereby specifically approved.

Ordered. That Frank S. Blairville be substituted as Bates Hall tenant at \$100 per annum.

F. S. Blairville, tenant

Ordered. That the City Treasurer be requested to transmit to Messrs. Young Bros & Co. to be placed to the credit of the Trustee, such sum as may constitute the balance to the credit of the Library after the payment of the acquisition for the year 1875-6.

Young Bros.

Dr. Green from the committee on the Roxbury Branch made a report thereon and the passage of the following order:

Mrs. Nye, Sec. 3.

Ordered. That the action of the Committee in the matter of Mrs. Nye as addressed in the letter of the Superintendent dated Feb. 7, 1876, be confirmed.

The order was passed unanimously.

Ordered. That the Committee on Finance in making up the tax roll for 1876-7 substitute the name of Miss Bradley for Julia A. Tappan at the Roxbury Branch.

The President reported the following names as nominations for the Examining Committee for the year, and they were appointed:

Examining Committee

W. H. Packard, D.D.

Craven Brown, Esq.

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Geo. W. Gay, M.D.  
 George S. Denny, Esq.  
 Marshall B. Dutton, Esq.  
 The following were appointed as substitutes  
 Geo. W. Clark, Esq.  
 Rev. A. B. Meant.  
 John A. Sawyer.  
 John C. Roberts, M.D.  
 Wm. Amory Esq.

Index is complete & done

The correspondence with the Committee on the Library & Catalogue relative to the printing of an index to the documents was placed on file.

The Supt presented his order book and monthly report for February.

Monday Library closed.

Ordered that the library be closed on Thursday at noon.

At 4 o'clock adjourned to 4.30

Attest, -  
 Justin Owens  
 Secy.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1876.

The trustees met by adjournment at 4.30

Present Messrs Greenough, Clark, Lewis, Putnam, Guild and Pope.  
 There were also present Alderman Pope, and other members of the Committee on Public Buildings, with Mr. Slough, the city architect.  
 The President took the chair.

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April 18, 1876.  
 Enlargement of Baker  
 three gallery.

After the committee had viewed the Baker gallery and the plans of the City architect for enlargement, they advised and the trustees then passed unanimously the following order: -

Ordered that in view of the imperative necessity of increased accommodation for the Official card catalogue, the President request the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council to take immediate action for the extension of the Baker gallery of the Bates Case either by enlarging it within the Case, or without the walls of the main building.

At 5.30 dissolved.

Attest, -  
 Justin Owens  
 Secy

Tuesday, April 18, 1876.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 A.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Lewis, Green, Willard, Putnam, Guild and Pope.

The President took the chair.  
 The records of the last <sup>two</sup> meetings were read and approved.

A communication was rec'd from the City Clerk relative to the building of a new Card Catalogue room.

The Supt stated that a man on Sunday night was caught in the act of entering the Library from the platform of the workmen engaged in building the new gallery, and was now in the hands of the

Buildg Card Cat. Room.

Attempt to enter Library

April 18, 1876.

Courts

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills, payable at the City Treasury on May 1st, 1876, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$10,329.96. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to \$5041.45, is hereby approved.

Mary Bradley

Ordered. That Mary Bradley be allowed at the rate of \$5.00 per annum from April 4, 1876.

D. W. Tyler

Ordered. That D. W. Tyler be allowed at the rate of \$3.00 per night for services as watchman - from April 1st, 1876.

W. F. Sampson

Ordered. That W. F. Sampson be allowed at the rate of \$5.00 per week.

Mrs. E. Bowen

Ordered. That Mrs. E. Bowen be allowed at the rate of \$8.00 per week.

Trust Funds

The Committee on Finance presented the annual Trust Funds accounts and they were placed on file.

E. G. Allen

Ordered. That the Messrs. Darling Bros be requested to pay to the order of Edw. G. Allen, #2 Tavistock Row Court Garden, the sum of £4-6s-2d, on account of the library.

The Board passed the payroll with the knowledge that it included a few

Eliz. J. Stevenson

days full pay for Elizabeth J. Stevenson beyond the absence allowed under the by-laws, in consideration of her having been absent only two days in three years and of her now being absent for sickness brought on by Librarian's work.

Ordered. That in the judgment of the Board the work of the South Boston Branch Library need cleaning and whitening, and that the Sup't of Public Buildings be requested to ask the Trustees of the Savings Bank to give the rooms such cleaning of walls and whitening of ceilings, or if under the lease such a request cannot be made to said Trustees of the Savings Bank, that the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to do the same.

D. B. Br. repairs

The receipts given by the agency of the Mass. Board of Education for sundry names, showing the catalogues and documents by history of the Library, to be exhibited at Philadelphia at the Centennial Exposition was ordered to be placed on file.

Phil. Exposition

The President reported that on the declination of J. Ingersoll Bowditch to serve on the examining committee Geo. B. Chase Esq. had been substituted.

J. B. Chase

The President stated that the Washington Medal was delivered to him on the day following the celebration of March 17th, together with the documents touching for its authenticity and the list of the subscribers and that both the medal and the papers were now in the library, and the medal would be exhibited as soon as suitable arrange-

Washington Medal



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April 18, 1876.  
Mrs. Nye.

meant for exhibiting it could be made.  
A petition was presented from John Pitt Ogden and others, whereupon it was  
Ordered unanimously in regard to the petition in the case of Mrs. Nye, an investigation having been made by the appropriate committee and the Trustees having reached a determination before the reception of the petition, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Miss Price.

A statement from Dr. Botting and others regarding Miss Price, the Librarian of the Roxbury Branch was presented.  
The resignation of Miss Price as Librarian of the Roxbury Branch was read, and by a unanimous vote it was laid on the table.

Intox'g Liquors

Ordered that the Supt's communicate to all employed in the library the direction of the Trustees that no intoxicating liquors of any description should be kept in the library or its branches except with the President's written permission.

West Rox. Br.

A communication from R. B. Ticknor Esq. with a petition from Mrs. Tom. Bond and others asking that library facilities be extended to the West Roxbury district, was referred to the Committee on the Roxbury Branch, to which the President was joined.  
The Supt presented his order book and monthly report for March.  
At 11.45 dissolved.

May 1, 1876.

A true copy -  
Justin Crosser  
Secy.

Monday, May 1, 1876.

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M.  
Present Messrs Greenough, Lewis, Green, Tutnam, Guild, Hillard, & Lee.  
Dr. Green was called temporarily to the chair.

The following communication from the City Clerk was read.

April 14, 1876.

This is to certify

That George S. Hillard and Samuel A. Green have been duly elected by concurrent vote of the City Council Trustees of the Public Library for three years from the first Monday of May 1876, and until their successors are chosen in their places.

S. F. McBlary,  
City Clerk.

Hillard, G. S.

Green, S. A.

Wm. W. Greenough was chosen President of the Board, receiving six out of seven votes cast.

The President took the chair.

Justin Manson was chosen Superintendent and Secretary.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Greenough, Wm. W.

Manson, Justin.

1573 May 1, 1876.  
By Laws & Regulations.

Ordered - That the by laws and regulations be provisionally adopted, and that the President and two others be a committee to report if any revision is necessary.

The President named Mr. Lewis and Mr. Guild.

Trustee Meetings.

Ordered - That the regular meetings of the Board be on the 2nd day preceding the 20th of each month at 10 A.M.

Appropriation.

A communication from the City Clerk concerning the appropriation for the year was ordered to be placed on file.

Green, S.A., trans. to Ch'n Com.

The President transmitted Dr. Green from the South Boston Committee to the Charlestown Committee; and Mr. Pope from the Charlestown Committee to the South Boston Committee.

Pope, B., trans. to S.B.

Miss Rice

The Committee on Finance asked further time before reporting the same.

The resignation of Miss Rice as librarian of the Roxbury Branch was taken from the table; and action is not.

(2)

Resolved - That Miss Rice's moral character as far as known to the Trustees without blush and that in her relations to the Trustees her administration of the library has been satisfactory.

The order should come before the Board.

(1)

Ordered (unanimously) That the resignation of Miss Rice as librarian of the Roxbury Branch be accepted.

May 1, 1876.

The following report was presented -

May 1, 1876.

The Committee on the Roxbury Branch, to whom the President was referred, instructed to consider the expediency of establishing a delivery of the Roxbury Branch at Jamaica Plain, beg to

Jamaica Plain Delivery -

Report that the Supt. of Public Buildings offers the room on the lower floor of Curtis Hall, (which was formerly occupied as a Treasurer's room, and which is provided with a counter, etc.) for the purpose contemplated, the only expense attending which to the library will be a share of the janitorial service, of the water (by steam) and of lighting (by gas), which pertains to the whole building.

In addition to this there will be the salary of the agent, say \$125; the outlay in fitting up with tables, and the supply of blanks and stationery, beside the express charges of the daily box from and to the Roxbury Branch, making in the aggregate about \$500 for the year.

In the opinion of the Committee it will largely increase the circulation of the Roxbury Branch and even perhaps to satisfy the thirst of the people of Jamaica Plain until the library is in a position to give them the Branch, which they feel to be due to their location territorially, and to their numbers.

In view of the restricted appropriation for the year, and the unexpected demands upon it for furnishing a larger area in the new extension of the Central Library than was thought of, your committee append an order to bring the financial question to the test of the vote of the full board.

Appropriation.

For the Committee

Samuel A. Green.

1575 May 16, 1876.  
Jamaica Plain.

Ordered. That the Committee making the Report on the proposed Jamaica Plain delivery be directed to establish the same, provided the expense does not exceed \$500 for the year.

The order was passed.  
A communication from Max Auerbach was ordered to be placed on file.  
At 11.30 the meeting was dissolved.

A true copy,  
Justin Edmund  
J.M.  
Tuesday, May 16, 1876

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 A.M.  
Present Messrs Greenough, Green, Lilland, Putnam, Lewis, Tope and Nottingham.  
The President took the chair.  
The records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Miss Norton's  
Vacation

Ordered. That Miss Norton be allowed one week vacation previous to her leaving the service.

Com. on Finance.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Report. The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following orders, relating to the payroll for the year 1876-7.  
Nelson Lewis  
Ch' Com. on Finance

Ordered. That the payroll for the year 1876-77 be established as follows:

Pay Roll  
May 16, 1876.

Central Library

Jas. L. Whitnes	\$2500.
J. B. Perkins	1800
Henry Fran	1850
W. C. Ford	1500
W. B. Foster	1700
J. M. Hubbard	1600
A. M. Knapp	1500
J. E. Sarrat	1500
E. Bradshaw	1300
G. A. Wilson	1200
W. F. Robinson	1000
A. T. C. Griffin	1000
Thos. Collins	900
A. A. Brooks	800
H. W. Pike	800
A. A. Nichols	800
H. A. Green	800
Mary E. Jollyn	36cts per hr or 800
L. S. Norton	700
Annie T. Saxe	700
Lydia F. Knowles	650
Mary A. McGrath	650
Elij. J. Stephenson	650
Anna C. D. Keen	650
Mrs. A. Jollyn	600
Alice M. Torie	600
Carnie E. Torie	600
Elij. J. Keed	550
J. Howins	550
Jerry Sullivan	520
Emily C. Osgood	550
E. A. Clarke	550

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Sarah A. Mack	\$ 5.00
Eliza Mack	5.00
Lizzie Ross	4.50
Ellen C. Brennan	3.50
Ed. W. Kyle	346.67
John B. Ross	3.13
Ellen Stevenson	3.25
Annie W. Kennedy	3.00
Fannie E. McCabe	2.60
Ella Thurman	2.08
Henrietta E. Mack	2.08
Emmie Donovan	2.08
Frank B. Thomas	2.08
Emma Wright	1.95
F. M. Heath	1.82
John D. Brown	1.82
Alfred Newmarch	1.82
Geo. W. Garrison	1.82
John Cameron	1.82
Richard Kay	1.82
Frank C. Bledsdel	1.82
Margaret Donovan	1.56
Mary Burke	1.02
Maggie Doyle	1.56
Abbie G. Shea	1.56
M. A. Sheridan	1.56
Mary Connor	1.56
Amelia McGrath	1.56
Catharine McGrath	1.56
Josephine Eastman (40c per hr)	
Hannah Clifford (8c per hr)	
<u>Bindery</u>	
F. T. Hathaway \$25. per week	13.00
T. Beckwith	114.4
Andrew Blake	104.0

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Romeo Cervo	104.0
Michael Kealy	104.0
James Tindergast	2.36
Martha Wheeler	4.94
Mary E. Austin	4.94
Mary Moriarty	4.68
Mrs. S. E. Kenner	4.16
<u>East Boston Branch</u>	
Geo. C. Boscia 600+100 (Sunday)	7.00
S. G. Galbold	7.00
W. R. Bray	5.00
A. W. King	5.00
W. C. Cathcart	3.50
<u>South Boston Branch</u>	
Joseph Baker 600+100 (Sunday)	7.00
Alice T. Bragdon	7.00
E. A. Eaton	5.00
Abbie Dalton	5.00
Emma Davis	5.00
Honora McBarty	3.50
<u>Roxbury Branch</u>	
Chas. T. Curtiss	8.00
Mary Bradley	5.00
W. Goldsmith	5.00
Clara E. Sanborn	5.00
Maggie E. Blood	2.08
Sunday Service	91.
<u>Charlestown Branch</u>	
C. S. Bartee	100.0
Thos. E. Smith	6.00
Geo. W. Prescott	91
Susan Edwards	5.00

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S. M. Eberle	500
Lilian Davis	156

Brighton Branch.

Chas. F. Wheeler	600
M. E. Brock	500
Bridget Knicker	182

Dorchester Branch.

Edw. Davenport	540
Mary G. Coffin	600
E. R. Whiton	500

Lower Mills

M. A. Rice	125.00
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Officer in Lower H.

Ordered - That the interests of the Library require an officer of more culture than the present incumbent of the keepership of the Lower Hall; and that the Lib's report at the next meeting such changes as may be necessary in order to accomplish that end.

The orders were passed.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on June 1st, 1876, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$9357.99. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered that the payroll included in the requisition amounting to \$419.78, is hereby specially approved.

Miss Sanborn  
Sunday Service

Ordered - That Miss Sanborn be allowed at the rate

of \$91 per annum for Sunday service at the Roxbury Branch until further orders, beginning May 18 1876.

May 16, 1876.

Ordered - That Miss Marie Lowell Clark be employed till further orders, at \$500 per annum, in the Central Library, from April 28, 1876.

Miss M. L. Clapp

Ordered - That Miss Annie J. Barton be paid at the rate of \$125 per annum for service as delivery agent at Jamaica Plain, from May 15, 1876.

Miss A. J. Barton

Ordered - That Robert J. Donovan be employed till further orders at \$82 per annum as runner in the Central Library.

Robert J. Donovan

Ordered - That Messrs Baring Bros be requested to place £100 with their agent at Florence to the credit of Signor Alberici.

Messrs Baring Bros  
for Alberici.

There was ordered to be placed on file an attested copy of the records of the Dorchester and Milton Circulating Library by which the books and funds of that organization were to be transferred to the Public Library if the experiment of a Delivery at Lower Mills be pronounced a success for the year, whereupon it was

Dor. & Milton  
Circulating  
Library

Ordered - that in the opinion of the Trustees the Lower Mills Delivery has proved a success, and that the President be authorized to carry out the Contract with the Proprietors of the Circulating Library and to receive the funds.

A communication was rec'd from the agent of the Massachusetts Board of Ed'n

Phil. Exposition.

May 16, 1876.

at the Philadelphia Exposition recommending a show case for the Librarian's books; but the President stated that he should be in Philadelphia on Monday next and would arrange for the case.

By Laws.

The Committee on revising the Bylaws reported the following orders, which were adopted.

Ordered. That in article ~~x~~ the words - "The chairman of the Committee shall annually give receipt at the City Treasury for the interest of the Trust Funds. When it has been received - shall be erased."

Ordered. That the last paragraph of article ~~XXIV~~ shall read "In all cases of absence from the Library by reason of illness, full pay shall be allowed to the absentee for the space of a week, and full pay beyond that time for a period not exceeding one week, except in such cases as may seem to the Superintendent to require different action which shall be by him reported to the Board for decision, as a part of the report. Each case of absence over four weeks shall be reported to the Board."

Annual Report

The Superintendent presented his annual report which was laid on the table.

Ordered that the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to fit up the lower room of the new exterior gallery.

The Sup't presented his order book and monthly report for April.

At 11 the meeting dissolved.

June 20, 1876.

Justin C. Green

Tuesday, June 20, 1876.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 A. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Billard, Green, Pope, Tutnam, Lewis.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Ordered. That the informal action of a majority of the members of the Board in authorizing the President of the Board to sign a special requisition for \$560.34 upon the Ticknor bequest appropriation be approved.

Ticknor bequest.

Ordered. That Miss M. I. Brooks, be appointed assistant at the Bates Hall Desk from Sept. next at \$525. per annum.

Mary I. Brooks.

Mr. Pope was appointed a special Committee on Finance and presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury on July 1st, 1876, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$12453.215. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to 56.15 57, is hereby specially approved.

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June 20, 1876.  
Timothy Johnson

Ordered. That Timothy Johnson be employed as Janitor at Jamaica Plain Delivery, at the rate of \$90 per month.

South Boston Br.

Ordered. That the Committee on the South Boston Branch be empowered to enquire if enlarged accommodations for that Branch can be obtained, either in the building now occupied by the Branch, or elsewhere, and to report upon the same; and at what cost such accommodations can be secured.

Roslindale.

A communication from S. F. Dearborn of Roslindale relative to library facilities for that section, with a supplemental communication, was referred to the Committee on the Roxbury Branch.

Clara E. Sanborn

Ordered. That Clara E. Sanborn be appointed Librarian of the Roxbury Branch with a salary of \$500 per annum from June 1st, 1876.

Wm. J. C. Talbot

Ordered. That Mr. J. C. Talbot be allowed \$100 for the second year of the occupancy of his room at Lower Mills, to include fuel and care of the room.

Rev. Milton  
Circulating Libr.

Ordered. That a suitable acknowledgment be sent to the Dorchester and Milton Circulating Library, concerning the completion of their contract with the Library and the transfer of the books and a fund of \$335.13, for the benefit of the Dorchester Branch.

The President stated that the money had been paid into the City Treasury.

July 6, 1876. 1584  
Keepership of Lower Hall

The Supt. reported upon the Keepership of the Lower Hall and the report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

Ordered. That the salary of the Keeper of the Lower Hall be fixed at \$1200 from July 1, 1876.

The President stated that he had ordered a case and table for the Library's books at the Philadelphia Exhibition, and that they were now placed in said case.

The President reported that by his orders the Libraries were closed at noon Decoration Day and on June 17th.

The Supt. presented his order book and Monthly Report for May. At 11 o'clock, dissolved.

Justin Dewey

Thursday, July 6, 1876.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held at 10 o'clock.

Present Messrs Greenough, Green and Pope, but these gentlemen not constituting a quorum, it was determined to forward the report of the Trustees, with those of the Examining Committee and Supt. to the printer, and to send proof of the same to each Trustee before the final press work.

It was announced that Mr. J. Engersol Bowditch had signified his intention

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to expend about \$500 per annum in the Bowditch Library in the line of astronomy and pure mathematics, and that a provision for the continuance of this bounty had been made in his will.

It was also announced that the sum of \$335.13 had been paid into the City Treasury as a Dorchester Fund for the benefit of the Dorchester Branch, being the amount received from the Dorchester and Milton Circulating Libraries.

A communication from the City Clerk, relative to printing the dedication service of the Brighton Branch, was rec'd.

It was determined to ask the sanction of the Board to the proceedings of this conference at their next regular meeting.

Justin Dewar  
Secy

Tuesday, July 18, 1876.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 A.M.

Present Messrs Billard, Green, Pope and Lewis.

In the absence of the President Mr. Billard was called to the chair.

The records of the last two meetings were read and approved, and the action of the board at their last meeting confirmed.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Aug. 1, 1876,

Dor. Fund given

Milton Cir. Libr.

Brighton Br. dedicat'n

Aug. 15, 1876.

amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$1,014.57 The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the payroll included in the requisition amounting to 5589.70, is hereby specially approved.

Ordered. That John Mahony be employed as Bates Ball runner from July 11, 1876 @ \$82 per annum.

Ordered. That Miss Sarah Bunker be allowed at the rate of \$91 per annum for Sunday service at Roxbury Branch from July 2, 1876.

The Sup't presented his order book and monthly report for June.

Justin Dewar  
Secy

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1876.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 A.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Green, Holland, Putnam, Guild and Pope.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

An agreement with the Directors of Public Institutions for the supply of books to Deer Island was ordered to be placed on file.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1876, amounting as per cash

John Mahony

Miss Sarah Bunker.

Deer Island,

Books for



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Sept. 19, 1876. Book of this date to the sum of \$10,566.20 the bills having been examined & approved by the board.

Ordered. That the payroll included in the requisition amounting to \$5,598.89 is hereby specially approved.

The Supt. presented his order book, and monthly report for July.  
At 10.30 the meeting dissolved.

Justin Winsor  
Supt

Tuesday, Sept 19, 1876

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Lewis, Pope, Fotheringham, Willard and Coon.

The President took the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The committee on finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Oct. 1, 1876, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$9,904.14. The bills having been examined & approved by the board.

Ordered. That the payroll included in the requisition amounting to \$5,598.89 is hereby specially approved.

Express

Ordered. That the Supt. be directed to make arrangements to have the express business of the Library done at a less cost than at present.

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S. B. Br.

Mr. Pope for the committee on the South Boston Branch reported progress of negotiations with the Trustees of the South Boston Savings Bank for leasing additional rooms for that Branch.

The Supt. reported that the Braintree Branch Reading Room had been closed on Sundays from Sept. 1.

The Supt. stated that some legal documents relating to the transfer of the Brighton Branch Association's books to the Trustees of the Boston Library in 1864, had been handed to him by the Hon. J. A. Whitman, late President of the Trustees of the Boston Library, for deposit in the archives of the Library, and that the Boston Library has become the Brighton Branch of this Library.

The President reported a communication from Mr. John Noble relative to the Tradewell estate, with a statement of its present condition.

The consideration of some proposed changes in the time during which books may be detained from the Library was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs Lewis, Green and Fotheringham.

Ordered. That the Supt. be directed to take the necessary steps to prevent any accumulation of books in the bindery, either by employing additional help in the bindery, or by sending work to outside binderies or by both measures.

Ordered. That the Secretary be requested to attend the Conference of Librarians at Philadelphia on the 4th Oct. at the expense of this institution, and that he make such recommendations by report to the Board as may seem expedient to him, on his return.

At 11 o'clock the meeting dissolved.

Justin Winsor  
Supt

Chin. Br. R.R.

Br. Lib. Assoc.

Tradewell estate.

Time for books.

Bindery

Conf. in Phil.

Sept. 28, 1876.

Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1876.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held at 10 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Cook, Lewis and Tutnam. There were also present of the Committee on the Library of the City Council, Aldermen Morrison, Sumner and Bull; and Councilmen Tith and Donnell.

New Gallery.

It was, without vote, voted that the matter of affording protection to the new gallery by iron shutters or doors be brought to the attention of the Dept of Public Buildings, pending further action by the Board; that when plans are ready for building on the Richardson estate another conference be had with the Committee on the Library; that in the matter of expenditure it is for the good of the Library that such expenses should be incurred, as the wants of the Library and the use of the public require, even if the present appropriation is likely to be exceeded.

Changes in Rules.

After the retirement of the Committee on the Library the Special Committee on the Rules reported an amendment of the Regulations, and it was adopted, so that the first paragraph of Article XI shall read as follows:—

Not more than one volume from each Hall of the Central Library, at a time, or more than two volumes at a time from both, unless in cases of sets, where other volumes are necessary for convenient use which necessity is to be determined in all cases by the officer in charge on the repre-

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sentations of the borrower. No book shall be retained by the person borrowing it more than seven days, at or before the end of which time it may be renewed for fourteen days longer, but after seven days it cannot be renewed.

Books until they have belonged to the library six months are not to be renewed at all except by permission.

S. B. Br.

Mr. Lewis from the Committee on the South Boston Branch reported correspondence with the Trustees of the South Boston Savings Bank, relative to the hiring of further rooms for that Branch, in which additional quarters were offered for \$2800 per annum. On the recommendation of the Committee it was Ordered that the offer of the Bank be declined.

Ordered that the secretaries communicate to the Bank the decision of the Board.

At 11.30 the meeting was dissolved.

Justin Cruikshank  
Secy

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1876.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 A.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Willard, Green and Tutnam.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

The Supt stated that he should put the new rules relating to the detention of books in operation as soon as the necessary blanks could be prepared.

Detention of books.

Oct. 17, 1876 -

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury November 1st, 1876, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$8576.62. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to \$5731.55 is hereby specially approved.

Express Co's

The Supt reported his correspondence with the express companies by which an agreement had been made under which a saving of \$120 a year to the Library was effected in that department.

A notification of an award to the Library at the Philadelphia Exhibition was rec'd from Director General Goshorn.

Mrs. Laura G. Curtis

The President presented a letter from Mrs. Laura G. Curtis, accompanying the gift of a roll of signatures for a political meeting in Faneuil Hall, in Nov. 1850, and a letter of Daniel Webster referring to the meeting. The President was requested to return a grateful acknowledgment in suitable phrase.

Librarians' Conference

The Supt gave a general account of the Librarians' Conference in Philadelphia, but deferred any recommendations arising therefrom to a later meeting.

The Supt presented his order-book and monthly report for September.

At 10.45 the meeting dissolved.

Justin Osborn  
S.M.

Tuesday, November 14, 1876 -

Nov. 14, 1876 -

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M.

President Nelson Greenough, Green, Pope, Hillard, and Frothingham.

The President took the chair -

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

A communication was received from George A. Blough, City Architect relative to a proposed style of iron shutters for the new extension of the Central Library Building, accompanied by a letter from Clark and Co. the manufacturers of the proposed shutters whereupon it was -

Steel Shutters.

Noted. That this Board recommend the adoption for the new addition to the Library Building of steel shutters according to the plan of the City Architect, as presented in his letter of Nov. 3 with a drawing, provided that in the judgment of the Committee on Public Buildings the plan devised is sufficient for the object proposed.

The President read a copy of a letter addressed by him to Mr. Arthur Leary, one of Mrs. Barton's executors asking for an extension of the time given under the City's contract with the late Mrs. Barton for printing a catalogue of the Barton Collection.

Barton Catalogue

Mr. Pope as a special Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury December 1st, 1876, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$9487.17. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Nov. 14, 1876. Ordered - That the pay roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5695.86 is hereby specially approved.

Miss Alice M. Wheeler Ordered - That Miss Alice Wheeler be allowed at the rate of \$01. per annum for Sunday services at the Roxbury Branch from November 5, 1876.

Miss Emma M. Nutter Ordered - That Miss Emma M. Nutter be allowed at the rate of \$1. per annum for Sunday services at East Boston Branch from November 5, 1876.

Miss Sarah Dunbar Ordered - That Miss Sarah Dunbar be allowed at the rate of \$5.00 per annum from October 19, 1876.

Wm. J. Sampson Ordered - That Wm. J. Sampson be allowed at the rate of \$15.00 per week.

Wm. N. Sanderson Ordered - That Wm. N. Sanderson be allowed at the rate of \$18.00 per week.

Kate Reilly Ordered - That Miss Kate Reilly be allowed at the rate of \$7. per week.

Edw. M. Roe Ordered - That Edw. M. Roe be allowed at the rate of \$15. per week.

D. W. Tyler Ordered - That D. W. Tyler be allowed at the rate of 2¢ per hour for evening services in Fine Arts Room from October 21, 1876.

S. B. Savings. Mr. Pope for the Committee on the South Boston Branch mentioned an informal proposition made by the Trustees of the Savings Bank at South Boston for leasing <sup>rooms</sup> the Branch library in that section, which the Com-

mities would formerly present to the Board at a later meeting.

A communication was received from H. H. Edu Esq. requesting in behalf of the Committee for exhibiting relics at the Old South Church the loan of an original portrait of Franklin, and the Supt. was instructed to return a suitable answer, declining to grant the request.

Communications from Prof. Alexander Rossi and Mr. Laurence Curtis were ordered to be placed on file.

At 11 o'clock the meeting dissolved.

Justin Craven  
Secy.

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1876.

A regular meeting of the Institute was held in the Library at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Green, Chase, Lewis, Putnam and Pope.

The President took the chair.

The following communication was received from the City Clerk.

Dec. 7, 1876.

This is to certify  
That George B. Chase has been duly elected by concurrent vote of the City Council a Trustee of the Public Library in the place of George S. Hillard, resigned.

S. F. Mc Cleary  
City Clerk.

Dec. 19, 1876.

H. H. Edes.

Prof. Rossi.  
Mr Curtis.

Mr Geo. B. Chase.  
Trustee.

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Miss Louise L. Hunt.

The President presented a communication from Miss Louise L. Hunt, relative to the extension of time on the printing of the Boston Catalogue, and read his reply to the same from the Pres Copy Book under date of Nov. 17, 1876.

A communication was received from John W. Regan, Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department, recommending some additional precautions to be taken against fire, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds to consider the expediency and to report the cost of carrying out said recommendations.

Mr Knapp.

Ordered. That A. M. Knapp be allowed seventeen dollars for expenses attending auction sale in New York.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, Jan. 1, 1877, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$10591.69. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to \$5862.36 is hereby specially approved.

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Mr E. P. Kennedy

Ordered. That E. P. Kennedy be allowed at the rate of \$138.67 per annum for Sunday service.

Messrs Baring Bros.

for Dr Flugel

Ordered. That Messrs Baring Bros. be requested to place £200 with their agent in Leipzig to the credit of Felix Flugel.

Com. on finance.

Semi-annual

Report.

The Committee on Finance made the usual semi-annual statement of the Trust funds accounts, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent stated that with

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E. B. Br.

R. R. closed.

the concurrence of the Committee on the East Boston Br. the Reading Room of that Branch had been closed on Sundays since Dec. 1.

The Committee on the South Boston Br.

S. B. Br.

Enlarged.

presented the following report:-

Dec. 19, 1876.

The Committee on the South Boston Branch, to whom was referred the subject of procuring additional accommodations for that Branch, respectfully report that they have obtained the following proposition from the Trustees of the South Boston Savings Bank.

A new lease for five years to be made to include all the second story of the Bank Building excepting that portion now leased to Dr. Provan, Dentist, possession to be given of the space occupied by the Art School, as soon as they are willing to relinquish it, they being entitled to three months notice from the first of Oct., Jan., April or July, if they require it.

The Bank to heat the premises free of charge to the City, pay the taxes, water bills and bank janitor's Sunday services, involving in the aggregate an expense of over eight hundred dollars a year to the Bank, for the sum of Twenty six hundred and fifty dollars per year payable quarterly.

All changes and alterations required by the Trustees of the Library to be made by and at the expense of the City but under the supervision and approval of the Bank.

The Committee believe that the foregoing is the best arrangement that can be made for the convenience of the South Boston Branch and for the interests of the City and therefore recommend that the President be instructed to request the City Council to provide additional accommodations for the South Boston Branch, in the building owned by the South Boston Savings Bank.

Weston Lewis.

Benjamin Pope. Committee.

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The report was accepted and the President was requested to communicate the recommendation therein as the wish of the Board to the Committee of the City Council on Public Buildings.

Correspondence with Postmaster.

The Superintendent presented some correspondence with Postmaster Tobey and the Postmaster General relative to the transmission of the library bulletin through the mails at pound rates.

Books for Engine houses.

The Superintendent reported a communication from the Fire Commissioners relative to the Library's supplying the engine houses in the City proper, with books, sent weekly at the Fire Department's expense, accompanied by a plan for carrying out the supply in a way similar to that in use for Deer Island, which had met the approval of the Committee on Administration. The plan was confirmed by the Board and the guarantee of the Fire Commissioners ordered to be placed on file.

Hist. of Library.

The Superintendent reported his purpose to prepare a history of the Library for the first twenty five years of its existence. The next Annual Report being the twenty-fifth from the beginning and the tenth of his own administration, he had deemed it a fit occasion to tell the story of its development. He could not yet tell to what extent the manuscript would reach, but he thought it might be of sufficient size to warrant separate publication, and its value as a memorial would be enhanced if it could be illustrated with heliotypes of portraits, views, plans, etc. He would report to the Board a definite proposition at a later date.

Libr. Privileges to Mr Hillard.

Ordered. That the freedom of the alcoves and the privileges of the Library be allowed to the Hon. George S. Hillard, late a member of this Board.

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Branch at So. End.

A communication was received from the Hon. J. A. Lane, President of the Mercantile Library Association offering the Library of that Institution on the condition that a branch of the Public Library be established in the building of the Association corner of Newton and Tremont Streets. The communication was referred to the Committee on Books and Catalogues for consideration and report.

The President reported Mr. Chase on the Committee on Books and Catalogues, and on that of the East Boston Branch.

The Supt presented his Order Book and Monthly Report for November.

At 11.30 the meeting dissolved. To be inserted p. 1595 as indicated. The Committee on Finance presented also a requisition for \$611.74, to be charged to the Ticker appropriation. The same was allowed by the Board.

Justin Ermer  
Sey.

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1877.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present Messrs Clark, Chase, Green, Fotheringham and Pope.

In the absence of the President Alderman Clark was called to the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Superintendent reported some letters from J. Ingersoll Bowditch Esq, covering a check for \$500 for increasing the department

J. Ingersoll Bowditch

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of the Library in pure mathematics, and stated that the money had been paid into the City Treasury. He also stated his understanding of Mr. Bowditch's intentions, to be the gift of a similar sum yearly, to be continued after his death from the income of funds to be left for that purpose; and his wishes to be that the restrictions upon the books should be the same as are given the use of the Bowditch library. The Superintendent stated that a Bowditch book-plate was in preparation, to have on it the head of Nath. Bowditch after Stuart's likeness, now in the possession of Wm. S. Bowditch Esq. He also stated that Prof. Kunkle had been asked to assist in the choice of the books to be purchased.

The President was requested to send a grateful acknowledgment to Mr. Bowditch, in behalf of the Trustees, expressing their sense of his great foresight and liberality.

South End Branch

The Committee on Books reported further correspondence with the President of the Mercantile Library Association, and an oral offer on their part, by which they agreed to give their books to the Public Library, if the Library would assign, say 5000, of the most useful of them, to a South End delivery, to be established in the association's building on the corner of Tremont and Newton Sts, the City to pay \$1000 for the use of the basement story during, including, lighting and heating.

The Committee asked for further time, which was granted.

Hon. H. L. Pierce

The Superintendent reported some further correspondence with the Hon. Henry L. Pierce, relative to his recent gift of U. S. Patent Specifications, by which it appeared that the delay in their receipt was owing to the press of work in the Patent Office.

Mr. Pope from the Committee on Building and Grounds reported that it was desirable to connect the Library by telegraph wire with Engine No. 26; to supply the library with the necessary shut-off nozzles for its several kinds of hose; to supply fire axes and rakes, and extinguishers for the front end of the building in the several stories. Thereupon the Superintendent was directed to procure the same at such prices as the Department of Public Buildings usually pays for similar articles. The Superintendent was also directed to request the Superintendent of Public Buildings to put three iron bars across the entrance of each alcove of the galleries, towards the Bates Hall, at a distance of one foot from the present rail and from each other; and if the Department of Public Buildings decides to do nothing, the Superintendent of the Library is directed to confer further with the Committee on Building and Grounds.

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Telegraph wires  
with Engine No. 26.

Shut-off nozzles, etc.

Bars for alcoves.

Mr. Pope as a special Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, Feb. 1, 1877, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$9913.53. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to \$5869.92 is hereby specially approved.

Ordered. That Fred. F. Billings be allowed at the rate of \$182 per annum.

F. F. Billings.

Ordered. That Wm. Hanna be allowed at the rate of \$138.67 per annum for Sunday service.

Wm. Hanna.

Ordered. That Messrs. Baring Bros & Co. be requested to pay to the order of Edw. G. Allen, London, the sum of £110.0 on account of the Library.

Baring Bros & Co.  
to Edw. G. Allen.

1601 Jan. 16, 1877  
Franklin Fund

Ordered That the Committee on Books and Catalogues consider the expediency of requesting the City Government to take such legal action as will secure the Franklin Fund of the City, or its income, for the benefit of the library; and if such expediency exists that Committee is authorized to address a Memorial for that object to the City Council.

Hon. G. S. Hillard

A letter was presented from the Hon. George S. Hillard in acknowledgment of the vote passed by the Board at their last meeting.

Award  
from Centon. Com.

A communication was rec'd from the Director General of the United States Centennial Commission announcing an award to the library, and giving the reasons for it as follows:—

"For the extent and value of the work as shown by the Reports; and especially for the great usefulness of their catalogues, containing as they do, bibliographical information not only worthy of the attention of scholars, but of the greatest use to the whole body of readers. The largest free library in the United States; having over 300,000 volumes and lending more than a million books in a year."

The Superintendent presented his order book and monthly report for December.

At 11.10 dissolved.

Note. Subsequently it was ascertained that of the amount voted by the Board for the requisition of Feb. 1, the sum of \$193.53 should be charged to the Ticknor bequest appropriation. The President accordingly drew a special requisition for that amount, and the sum above given, \$9913.53, is the amount remaining after this deduction was made.

Justin Winsor  
Secy

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1877.

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Jan. 24, 1877.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Green, Lewis, Frothingham, Chase, and Pope.

The President took the chair.

The Superintendent presented the credentials of Alderman Clark and Councilman Pope, as members of the Board.

There were also present from the Committee on the Library of the City Council Aldermen Burnham and Viles, and Councilmen Pratt, Warren, Morrill and Brog; and also the Hon. Jonathan A. Lane, President of the Mercantile Library Association, with his associate on the Board of Directors J. A. Brackett Esq.

The President stated what he understood to be the proposition of the Mercantile Library Association, as was reported at the last meeting of the Board. Further remarks were made by Messrs Lane and Brackett, and the matter as presented by the Mercantile Library Association was urged upon the Committee on the Library by Messrs Lewis and Frothingham.

Mercantile Library Assn.

The representatives of the Mercantile Library Association withdrew.

The President brought to the attention of the Committee the necessity of the Library for an increased appropriation for the coming year; and the Superintendent presented a statement of the comparative cost of maintaining the Library in 1867, 1872 and 1877, with a comparative table of the results of its work as prepared for the Committee on Retrenchments of the City Council as follows:—

Increased  
Appropriation.



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### Comparative Cost and Work of the Public Library.

1867	1872	1877	Increase in ten years
Central Library	Central Library One Branch	Central Library Six Branches Two Deliveries One Bindery	
Copies 136,080 vols.	192,958	Say 312,000	2 1/4 times
411,443 pamphlets added 1852-1867.	55000-1867-72	100000-1872-77.	In ten years nearly four times as many added as in 15 years previously.
Increase - 5303 vols	13,708	Say 20,000	Nearly 4 times.
Books bound, increased	3219	Say 15,000	
Catalogue work:- 5303 vols. current.	13708 vols. current	20,000 vols. current	
The Prince Library	The Ticknor Library Quarterly bulletins.	The Ticknor Library going thro' the press.	
	Public Card Catalogue	The Boston Library Quarterly bulletins Public card catalogue	
Circulation:- For the year, 208,963	380,343	Say 1,200,000	Nearly 6 times.
Daily average 754	1234	3925	
Total non-visitors - 197	642	2500	12 times.
Issues in Periodicals Reading Room - 81783	254,159	420,000	Nearly 5 times.

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1867	1872	1877	
Registration of applicants for cards to use the library 12,057 but this was the first year registered.	42,453	130,000	over ten times as many. including the registrations at Charleston Kingston, which were opened after annexation.
Books recommended, - 546	1600	2800	5 times.
Books finally, The Lib. sent. 15,652	21868	60000	Nearly 4 times
Books unrecovered by borrowers 231 or 1 in 904 if paid	37 or 1 in 10280 if paid	Say 120 or 1 in 10,000 if paid	The security of the property has been increased 10 times.
Appropriation:- \$33000	\$67000	\$111500	
Expended, - \$52658	\$74,924.	\$125000	2 1/3 times.
Salaries, - \$21239 (No Bindery)	\$34507 (Bindery wages changed to binding besides \$400 for wages of binders (paid \$49500))	\$59,921	2 3/4 times
Dividing annual expenditures by issues, it shows that the delivery of a book costs 25 cts	20 cts	10 1/2 cts	2 1/2 as much.
Money from fines and sales of Catalogues paid into the City Treasury - \$504	\$1472	\$3100	6 times

1605 Feb'y 13, 1877.

Additions

To Library.

The President detailed what had been done towards planning an addition to the Library and invited the Committee to inspect the Library with a view to noting the necessity for such enlargement.

At 12 o'clock the meeting was adjourned.

Justin Winsor  
Secy

Tuesday, Feb'y 13, 1877.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present, Messrs Greenough, Chase, Lewis, Frothingham, Green, Tappin and Howes.

There were also present Aldermen Thompson and Viles, and Councilmen Morrill, Webster, Pratt, Warren and Croft of the Committee on the Library of the City Council.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

The action of the President in drawing a special requisition for a payment on account of the Ticknor Bequest appropriation was approved.

A certificate of the election of Osborne Howes jr, as a trustee, was presented.

The Superintendent presented the summons of the Committee on Retrenchments of the City Council, served upon the President of the Board, and upon the Superintendent, and stated that, with the President, he had been before that Committee.

Osborne Howes jr

Trustee

Com. on Retrenchments

Feb. 13, 1877. 1606

Estimates for 77-78.

He also stated that the usual notice from the City Auditor for estimates for the coming year had been referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Superintendent stated that with the approval of the Committee on administration, an arrangement had been entered into for lending 200 volumes a month to the reading room in the navy yard, for the use of the enlisted men, the Commandant of the yard agreeing to protect the Library against loss.

Also that upon the guaranty of the Fire Commissioners, boxes of books had been sent upon fortnightly transit between the Lower Hall and twelve of the engine houses in the City proper, to convey books for the use of the firemen in these houses.

Also that a wire had been run from the Library to engine No. 26, and an instrument attached for turning on an alarm of fire. This instrument is tested daily.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury, Mar. 1, 1877, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$8699.02. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the tax roll included in the requisition amounting to \$5869.93 is hereby specially approved.

Ordered. That Messrs Baring, Bro. & Co be requested to place with their agent in Paris to the credit of Monsieur Charles Reinwald, the equivalent of the sum of \$523.69.

Further explanations were made

Books to Navy Yard.

Books to Fire Men.

Wire to Engine 26.

Baring Bros. & Co.

To Reinwald.

1607 Feb. 12, 1877.  
S. B. B. v.

to the Committee relative to the need of increased room at the South Boston Branch, the Committee having now before them a communication from the Trustees on the subject.

Franklin Fund.

as the present time

Roslindale &

Mr. Bowdoin.

The President stated that on consultation with the City Solicitor he had found it was not possible to effect any transfer of the Franklin Fund, held by the City, to the purposes of the Library. Petitions from Residents of Roslindale and Mr. Bowdoin asking for the establishment of deliveries at these places were referred to the Committee on Books and Catalogues for consideration and report.

Portrait of

Supper C. Thwing.

The following preamble and resolution were unanimously passed:-

Whereas the Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum have caused a portrait of Supper C. Thwing, Esq. to be hung as a pendant to that of Caleb Fellows, the founder of the Fellows Athenæum, in the Reading Room of the Roxbury Branch, therefore-

Resolved. That we find in this act of the Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum a fit recognition of the disinterested services, which secured to the citizens of Roxbury the advantages of the Fellows Fund, and which have always been devoted to the highest interests of the community.

O. Howes jr.

The President appointed Mr. Howes on the Committee on Finance, and on that of the Dorchester Branch.

The Superintendent presented his Order Book and Monthly report for January.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:-

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Com. on Finance.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the estimates included in the accompanying order, as the amounts in their judgment, needed for carrying on the Library during the coming year with its usual accommodations to the public. If the present delivery at Jamaica Plain is converted into a Branch, an additional sum of \$10000 will be needed, for the establishment of the same, and for its expenses for the maintenance of it during the year.

To the Committee

Walter Lewis

Chairman.

P. S. The Library will be able to contribute \$3000 to the Trays and Means.

Ordered. That in the judgment of the Trustees, the following sums are needed for the expenses of the Library, during the coming year,-

Binding (not including salaries of force in the Binding Dept)	\$5500
Books and periodicals.	15,000
Catalogues.	6000
Fuel.	4000
Furniture	2000
Gas.	5000
Expense.	3000
Printing & Stationery.	6000
Salaries (including binders.)	73500
Transportation (papers, postages &c.)	3000
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	\$123,000

The order was passed unan.

imously.

At 12.45 dissolved.

Justin Wilson  
Secy.

1609  
March 13, 1877.

Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1877.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present: Messrs Greenough, Green, Frothingham, Lewis, Chase, Pope and Howes.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent announced the conviction and fining of John Scanlan of 149 Salem St. for tearing leaves from a book belonging to the Library, whereupon it was unanimously

Ordered. That the Superintendent cause a notice of the offence, with the name and residence of the offender to be printed as a poster and to be displayed in the various departments of the Library.

A communication from the Librarian of the London Institution relative to binding books in buckram was placed on file.

The Superintendent drew attention to the continued inability of the bindery to keep up with the current work of the Library.

A letter was received from Joseph Parish, executor of the will of Benj. P. Hunt, announcing the bequest of a collection of books on the West Indies.

The question of Col. Seaver's Automatic Gas Burner was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

John Scanlan  
fined.

London Inst.  
Binding Books.

Benj. P. Hunt.

Mar. 13, 1877.<sup>610</sup>  
M. Depping.

A communication was received from M. Guillaume Depping of the St. Genevieve Library, Paris, relative to the interest incited by this Library in Europe, and a draft of the Superintendent's reply to the same.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Apr. 1, 1877, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$5037.12. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to \$5793.18 is hereby specially approved.

Ordered. That the President request Messrs Baring Bros. to place to the credit of M. Chas. Reinwald, Paris, the equivalent of \$621.82 in payment for books forwarded by F. W. Christern of New York.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to add to the amount in the requisition passed today, against the name of Lee and Shepard whatever balance to the Library's credit there may be at City Hall, beyond the amount of the requisition for \$5037.12, passed by the Board this day, provided said addition to the credit of Lee and Shepard do not increase for this month their credit beyond the sum of \$556.86.

Lee & Shepard.

The President was authorized to sign a special draft on the City Auditor for \$1229.14 in favor of Lee & Shepard, and in payment of the annual American periodical list.

The Sup't submitted his Monthly Report, his Order Book & a tabulated statement of the growth of the cost and use of the Library for 1867, 1872 and 1877.

At 11.15 dissolved.

Justin Winsor  
Secy

April 17, 1877.

Tuesday, April 17, 1877-

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Green, Lewis, Frothingham, Howes and Chase.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Salaries.

A communication was rec'd from the City Clerk, being an order from the City Council, relative to Salaries to be paid by the Library for the ensuing year; and it was ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from the Committee on the Library as follows:-

In Committee on Public Library.

Apr. 9, 1877.

Voted. That the Trustees of the Public Library are hereby authorized to employ such number of persons (other than those provided for in the order passed by the City Council, City Doc. 20, 1877) as may be necessary for the Library service, and to pay therefor such salaries as shall not in the aggregate, exceed the amount fixed for salaries in the appropriation for Public Library for the financial year 1877-78.

Attest:

W. W. Clapp.

Clerk of Committee.

Examining Committee.

Ordered. That the President name a chairman of the Examining Committee; and that such chairman and the President nominate to the Board five Citizens at large to serve in such Committee, with the names of five substitutes.

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The President named Mr. Chase, and the following names were reported, and adopted by the Board

- Rev. James Freeman Clarke
- James B. Chadwick, M.D.
- John C. Gray, Jr.
- Francis A. Peabody.
- Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells.

With the following as substitutes

substitutes

- Rev. John Wells
- Henry J. Bowditch, M.D.
- O. W. Holmes, Jr.
- W. T. Atkinson.
- Mrs. Grace A. Ellis.

Ordered. That the President be requested to ask from the City Solicitor a written opinion as to the duties and powers of the Board in those matters in which the provisions of the order (City Document No. 20) of the City Council relative to the fixing of salaries in the Library are in conflict with the provisions of the ordinance concerning the Public Library on the same point.

The Superintendent reported a communication from Jos. Parrish, executor of the late Benj. P. Hunt of Philadelphia, announcing the shipment of the books, bequeathed by said Hunt; and stated that they had been received, and numbered 612 volumes, besides MSS. and pamphlets.

Benj. P. Hunt.

The Committee on Finance reported the bills, excepting the payroll, and having been examined, and amounting to \$13,972.46 they were approved by the Board.

April 17, 1877. Ordered. That the salaries for 1877-78 be upon the same scale as established by the pay roll payable May 1, 1877, and until further ordered.

Ordered. That the supplementary service of the Library be constituted as follows, with the annexed salaries, pro rata for the present month.

Alice M. Poiré	\$600.
Caroline E. Poiré	600.
Josephine Hewins	550.
Emily C. Osgood	550.
Mary F. Osgood	500.
Eliz. J. Reed	550.
Sarah A. Mack	500.
Eliz. J. Mack	500.
Rebecca M. Eastman	45¢ per hour
Mary E. Joslyn	36¢ " "
Lizzie Pop.	450
Robt & B. Pells	313
F. W. Kyle	208
Wm. Hanna	Extra 7¢ per hr
David W. Tyler	2 per hr
Ellen E. Brennanian	350.
Ellen Stovenson	325.
Annie M. Kennedy	300.
Fannie E. McCarty	260.
Ella Sturmy	208.
Ella B. Dillon	208.
Timothy Donoran	208.
Frank H. Thomas	208.
Thomas White	195.
Frank C. Blaindell	182.
John Cameron	182.
Robt J. Donoran	182.
John A. Lothrop	182.

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John Mahony	\$182.
Alfred Neomarch	182.
Richard Ray	182.
Mary Burke	156.
Mary Connor	156.
Margaret Donoran	156.
Margaret Doyle	156.
Amelia McGrath	156.
Catherine McGrath	156.
Annie J. Shea	156.
Mary A. Sheridan	156.
Margaret Clifford	8¢ per hour
Hannah Clifford	8¢ " "
Minnie Moore	12¢ " "
Florence Richards	8¢ " "

Bindery

Wm. N. Sanderson	\$16 per w.	\$936.
James Pendergast		936.
Edw. M. Roe	15 per w.	780.
Wm. F. Sampson	15 " "	780.
Martha Wheeler		494.
Mary Moriarty		468.
C. Bowen		416.
Kate Keilly	7 " "	364.
Geo. W. Merson		182.

East Boston Branch

Geo. H. Hovea	Janitor	700.
Sarah C. Godbold	Librarian	700.
Mary R. Gray		500.
Lucy M. Wing		500.
M. E. Cathcart		350.
Nellie L. Lennon	} Substitutes at rate of 25¢ & 8¢ per hour.	
A. H. Oken		
L. B. Morse		

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A. M. Keen }  
B. Griffin } Substitutes at rate of  
25¢ + 8¢ per hour.

South Boston Branch.

Joseph Baker \$7.00  
Alice J. Pradlow 7.00  
Abbie Dutton 5.00  
Emma Davis 5.00  
E. A. Eaton 5.00  
Honora McCarthy 3.50

Cora Hale }  
Martha Duntley }  
Mary Watson } Substitutes  
Betta Watson } 25¢ + 8¢ per hour.  
Lizzie McCarthy }

Roxbury Branch.

Chas. B. Curtis 7.00  
Clara E. Sanborn 6.00  
M. Goldsmith 5.00  
Mary Bradley 5.00  
Sarah Bunker 5.00  
Alice W. Wheeler 91.  
Maggie E. Blood 2.08

Mary Hoden }  
Louisa " }  
Louisa Karcher } Substitutes  
Florence Vose } 25¢ + 8¢ per hour.  
Kate Cleary }  
Mary Osgood }

Brighton Branch.

Chas. F. Wheeler 6.00  
Mary E. Brock 5.00  
Bridget Grailley 1.82  
Alma J. Wilson 25¢ per hr

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Charlestown Branch.

C. S. Bartee 10.00  
Thos. E. Smith 6.00  
S. M. Eberle 5.00  
Susan Edwards 5.00  
Lilian Davis 1.56  
John T. Jacobs }  
A. E. Eberle } Substitutes  
H. W. Davis } 25¢ + 8¢ per hour.  
W. Howard }

Dorchester Branch.

Edw. Davenport 5.40  
Mary G. Coffin 6.00  
Esther Whiton 5.00  
Jennie Sheridan 10¢ per hour.  
Mary Elms 8¢ per hour.

Lower Mills.

M. A. Hill 1.25

Jamaica Plain.

J. Johnson 1.20  
Annie J. Barton 1.25

Ordered that the President be requested to draw a special draft on the auditor for the balance of the Ticknor Bequest Appropriation in favor of Rockwell and Churchill, and in payment on account of their bill for printing the Ticknor Catalogue.

Draft of Ticknor Bequest.

Sundry petitions from officers and attendants of the Library relative to their salaries were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President was authorized

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to sign the payroll for salaries payable May 1st, 1877, subject to such alterations as may be rendered necessary, on account of any decision of the City Solicitor on the question ordered this day by the board to be submitted to him.

S. B. & Rox. Br.  
Close R. R. on Sunday

Ordered. That the Committees on the South Boston and Roxbury Branches consider the expediency of closing the reading rooms of those branches on Sunday.

The Supt. presented his order book and monthly report for March.

At 11.45 adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Justin Cross  
Secy

Monday, May 7, 1877.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Thomas, Lewis, Pope, Howes, Chase and Green.

The Superintendent presented the credentials of Weston Lewis and Kenj. F. Thomas, as members of the Board.

Pres. elected.

The Board proceeded to ballot for President, and W. W. Greenough was elected unanimously.

Supt. elected

The President took the Chair. Justin Winsor was elected Superintendent and Secretary unanimously.

The reading of the last meeting's Record was dispensed with.

Ordered. That the By-laws and Regulations be provisionally adopted; and that the President and two others, to be named by the President, be a committee to consider and report if any change be desirable in the By-laws or Regulations. The President named Messrs Lewis and Chase.

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By-laws &  
Regulations.

Ordered. That the Board meet on the Tuesday preceding the 20th of each month at 10 A. M.

Ordered. That the President appoint a Committee on the South End Branch, with full power to carry out any provisions for the same, which may be made by the City Council, before the next meeting of the Board.

South End  
Branch.

The President appointed the following Committees:-

Committees.

Administration -  
Messrs Green, Lewis, Frothingham.

Building and Grounds.  
Messrs Chase, Clark, Pope.

Books and Catalogues.  
Messrs Greenough, Frothingham, Chase, Thomas.

Finance -  
Messrs Lewis, Clark, Howes.

Branch Committees.  
East Boston - Messrs Chase and Pope.  
South Boston - " Lewis and Pope.  
Roxbury - " Green and Chase.  
Charlestown - " Frothingham and Green.  
Brighton - " Greenough and Clark.  
Dorchester - " Greenough and Howes.



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South End Messrs Lewis and Howe.

Appropriation

An attested copy of the appropriation bill for the coming year was received from the City Clerk.

Boston

The Supt reported that with the approval of the Committee on Administration arrangements similar to that made with the Fire Department are to be applied to the fire houses of the Boston Protective Department, the government of that incorporated Society giving the usual bond.

Protective Dept.

Hunt Bequest.

The Supt reported some further correspondence relative to the Hunt bequest; and stated that the collection as shelved showed 693 volumes.

Baring Bros.

Ordered. That Messrs Baring Bros and Co. be requested to place with their agent in Madrid £100, to the credit of Señor Don Juan F. Riaño.

Ref. Bi. R. R.

The Committee on the Roxbury Branch reported in favor of closing the Reading Room of that Branch on Sundays, and the Supt stated that the Reading Room was now closed on Sundays.

closed Sundays

S. B. Br.

The Committee on the South Boston Branch asked for further time in relation to the same question.

Sundays.

Petition

A petition from the Lower Hall service relative to change of time was referred to the Committee on Revising the By-laws and Regulations.

fr. L. Hall.

Boston

A communication from W. H. Whitmore relative to allowing the Record Commissioners to use the Library's copy of the Boston Town Records as printer's copy was referred to the Committee on Books with full powers.

Town Records

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Dr. Putnam.

Ordered. That the usual privileges and the freedom of the alcoves be granted to Dr. Putnam after his long service on the board.

The Supt reported that the Examining Committee had been constituted as follows:-

Examining Com.

- Rev. James Freeman Clarke
- James N. Chadwick, M. D.
- John C. Gray jr, Esq.
- Gilbert Attwood Esq.
- Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells.

with Mr. Geo. B. Chase for Chairman.

The appointment of Gilbert Attwood Esq. was confirmed.

Mr. Lewis reported upon the experiments in ventilating the Lower Halls, that they had proved a success.

At 11.45 the meeting dissolved.

Justin Crisis  
Secy

Tuesday, May 15, 1877.

The Trustees met in the Library at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Green, Frothingham, Chase, Thomas, Howe, and Lewis.

The President took the chair. The records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

A communication was received from the City Clerk relative to the hiring of rooms for the South End Branch.

South End Branch

May 15, 1877. Ordered. That the pay roll for May 1st, 1877 be adopted for June 1st, 1877.

The Superintendent stated that no reply had been received from the City Solicitor to the President's communication of April 17th nor to the Secretary's repetition of May 11th.

Hanna, Wm.

Ordered. That Mr. Hanna of the Sunday Ser-vice be allowed from May 1 at the rate of \$2.08 per annum for week day evening service.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury June 1, 1877, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of 9476.14. The bills having been examined were approved by the board.

Ordered. That the pay roll included in the requisition be approved by the board. ( 2000 00 ).

The Committee on Finance presented the usual semi-annual account of the Trust Funds which was placed on file.

Jamaica Plain Branch.

Ordered. That the President appoint a Committee on the Jamaica Plain Branch to carry out any order of the City Council, which may be determined upon before the next meeting of the Board.

The President appointed Messrs Greenough and Thomas on the Jamaica Plain Branch; and reconstituted the Brighton Branch Committee with Messrs Clark and Chate.

The Superintendent presented

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a communication from O. Howe Jr., Secy of the Boston Pro-tection Department, announcing the agreement of that De-partment to protect the Library against loss of books dis-tributed to the men.

The Sup't presented his annual re-port which was laid upon the table.

The Sup't presented his Order book and Monthly report.

The following report was sub-mitted: -

The Committee on revising the By-laws and Regulations beg leave to report the accompanying or-ders. They also append an order relative to the use of tobacco in the building, deeming that the pub-lic interests require a regulation of the uncleanly and annoying practice of spitting tobacco juice.

For the Committee

Wm. H. Greenough  
Chairman.

May 11, 1877.

Ordered. That the following changes be made in the By-laws: - Art. XXIII. p. 18. 6th line from bottom "two calendar months" instead of "one calendar month".

Art. XXIV. s. 19. 8th line of the article, shall read as follows: -

"Provided, however, that each and every absence from any cause of any person so employed shall be taken into the account, when said absences shall be found so considerable as properly to enter into the amount of the holidays to be granted, or of their compensation."

Of the next paragraph, all to be omitted except the last two lines, "Each case of absence etc."

Art. XXV. p. 20. 4th line. "In writing" to be omitted.

Ordered. - That the following changes be made in the Regulations: - Art 10. p. 18. At end of first para.

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Changes in Regulations.

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graph insert: "the proper holder is in all cases responsible for books drawn by means of his card, by whomsoever presented." p. 11. after "hands in" 7th line, insert "But the loss of a card will not increase the owner's responsibility" and strike out the paragraph beginning "In the Bates Hall," etc.

Art. 11. p. 12 Strike out the paragraph beginning "When one or more cards etc., and also on p. 13, 5th line that begins "Nor are transfers of books" etc., & insert "The transfer of a book from one card to another is allowed only by special permission."

Art. 3. p. 16. let the "one week" to be changed to "two weeks."

Tobacco forbidden.

Ordered. That a placard be placed upon the walls of each public apartment of the Library having upon it these words, "The use of tobacco is forbidden in this room."

The order was severally adopted.  
At 11.30 the meeting was dissolved.

Justin Krues

Tuesday, June 19, 1877.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 A.M.

Present: Messrs Greenough, Green, Horne, Lewis, Pope, Thomas and Frothingham.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was read from the City Clerk, notifying the Trustees of

Jam. Pl. Br.

June 19, 1877.

the appropriation of the City Council of \$10,000 for the establishment of a Branch in the West Roxbury District

The Librarian reported that three cases of books relating to Boston, chiefly City Documents, with 2000 pamphlets concerning Boston institutions, etc., together with other books and pamphlets, the gift of the city and of other institutions and persons had been sent to the British Museum in acknowledgment of courtesies extended by the Trustees of that library to this Library.

Books etc. sent to Bri. Mus.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury July 1, 1877, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$10,639.77. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to \$5549.73, is hereby specially approved.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills for the Jamaica Plain Branch payable at the City Treasury July 1, 1877, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$35.81. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll for the Jamaica Plain Branch included in the requisition amounting to \$27.76, is hereby specially approved.

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Ordered. That the pay-roll of June 1st, 1877 constitute the pay-roll of the library until further ordered.

Miss Anna J. Barton.

Ordered. That the salary of Miss Anna J. Barton be at the rate of \$500 per annum from June 11, 1877.

Walter H. Stimpson

Ordered. That Walter H. Stimpson be allowed at the rate of \$182 per annum from May 22, 1877.

Arthur Stuart.

Ordered. That T. Arthur M. Stuart be allowed at the rate of \$182 per annum from May 14, 1877.

Jennie Sheridan.

Ordered. That from June 1, 1877, Jennie Sheridan be paid at the rate of \$400 per annum, Dorchester Br.

Baring Bros.  
E. G. Allen.

Ordered. That Messrs Baring Bros. Co. be requested to pay to the order of Edw. G. Allen, 12 Tavistock Row, Covent Garden, the sum of £14 6s. - the same being in payment for invoice of British Talents, May 24, 1877.

State Bd of Ed.  
Paris Ex. 78

A communication was received from the State Librarian stating that the State Board of Education would not exhibit at Paris.

June 18-

The President announced that the Charlestown Branch was closed all day on the 18th, and the rest of the Library at 12 M. on the same day.

Supply C. Thwing  
Death

Resolved. That the Trustees of the Public Library have learned with deep regret the recent death of Supply C. Thwing Esq., eminently the friend and patron of the Fellows Athenæum at Roxbury,

by whose suggestion the original bequest was made, and which he has further enriched by a generous bequest of his own, thereby adding materially to its permanency and future value.

June 19, 1877.

The Sup't called attention to the second item in the will of the late Charlotte Harris as published in the newspapers, whereby a bequest is made to the Charlestown Branch.

Harris bequest.

Ordered. That the President be requested to return suitable acknowledgments to the Hon. R. C. Winthrop for his gift of a Mt. of Gov. John Winthrop; and to the same gentleman and his associates for the gift of the skull of Webster's Rebeley to Hayne in 1850.

Hon. R. C. Winthrop's  
Gifts.

The Sup't announced that delivery arrangements had been extended to the Marcella St. Home, and to Chemical Engine Co. No. 3.

Marcella St. Home  
& Chemical  
Engine No. III.

A petition from employees of the Library relative to a diminution of the hours of service was referred to the Committee on Administration, and the President for consideration and report.

Petition for employees

The Sup't presented his monthly report for May, and order book.

Justin Winsor  
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June 23, 1877

June 23, 1877

A special meeting was held in the Library at 11 o'clock.

There were present of the Trustees Messrs Greenough, Clark, Howes, Lewis, Green and Fotheringham. And of the Committee on the Library of the City Council, Aldermen Burnham and Thompson, and Councilmen Pratt, Webster and Morrill.

On motion of Alderman Clark it was

Ordered. That a joint Committee be appointed to consist of one member of the Board of Trustees and two of the City Committee to ascertain from the City Solicitor whether the Trustees of the Library can be authorized by the City Government to make contracts for services in the Library extending over a period of five years and in case no such power exists that the said Committee be requested to report some plan to be submitted to the joint Trustees of the Library and to the Committee on the Library at a special meeting of both bodies, which shall in their judgement meet the present emergency in the affairs of the Library.

Judge Thomas was appointed to represent the Board of Trustees.

Aldermen Burnham and Mr. Pratt were appointed from the City Committee.

The President of the Board of Trustees was then added to the Committee.

The Committee on the Library withdrew.

The Committee on the Li-

The Committee on Adminis-

tration presented the following report:-

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The Committee on Administration, to which the President was joined, and to which the petition of certain officers and attendants as regards hours of labor was referred, beg leave to report that they are not satisfied that a compliance with the request of the petitioners would cause other than a diminution of work done, at a period when the slightest loss of labor would be disadvantageous, and when the resources of the Library do not permit any recompense by increase of staff. They are however of the opinion that in a few cases, where the mental strain in critical labor is heavy, the Superintendent can well grant some indulgence, as he can find fit opportunity, from the present hours, and have instructed him to that effect as a temporary expedient.

For the Committee  
W. H. Greenough  
Chairman.

Ordered. That the President be authorized to make his annual report in print.

Ordered. That the Sup't be authorized to contract with J. J. McNutt for the fitting up of the Jamaica Plain Branch for the sum of fourteen hundred and twenty five dollars (\$1425)

Ordered. That Mr. J. C. Talbot be paid \$100 for the rent of the room of the Lower Mills Delivery, including heating and care, for the year ending June 7th, 1877.

Justin Lewis  
Ly

June 23, 1877

Petition for shorter hours.  
Not Granted.

J. P. Br.  
Contract.  
With McNutt.

Lower Mills Del.  
\$100 Rent.

Joint Com.  
Contract for services  
five years.

June 30, 1877.

Saturday, June 30, 1877.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held at 10 o'clock.

Present: Messrs Greenough, Lewis, Thomas, Frothingham, Chase, Howes, and Yerr.

There were also present of the Committee on the Library of the City Council, Alderman Burnham, and Councilmen Pratt, Frost, Merrill and Warren.

The President took the chair.

The President stated that the President and Fellows of Harvard University had consented not to press the Supt of the Library for an answer to their proposals till Saturday the 7th of July: and that the City Solicitor had given it as his opinion that it was competent for the City Council to authorize the Trustees to make contracts for services for a term of years on the staff of the Library.

Ordered. That the following communication be signed by the members of the board, and be transmitted to the City Government.

The Trustees of the Public Library respectfully petition the City Government for authority to make a contract with Mr. Justin Winsor for his services as Superintendent of the Library for a period of five years from May 1, 1877, and

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at a compensation not exceeding forty five hundred dollars per annum.

They regret to state that without such an arrangement the institution will be compelled to relinquish the very important direction of its affairs dependent upon Mr. Winsor.

At 11 o'clock the meeting dissolved.

Justin Winsor

Tuesday, July 17, 1877.

A regular meeting of the trustees was held in the Library at 10 o'clock.

In the absence of the President Judge Thomas was called to the chair.

Present: Messrs Thomas, Lewis, Green and Clark.

The records of the last three meetings were read and approved.

The following communication was received from the City Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen July 2, 1877.

Supt's Salary

Ordered:-

That the Board of Trustees of the Public Library be and they hereby are authorized, in behalf of the City to contract with Justin Winsor for his services as Superintendent of the Public Library of the City of Boston, at a compensation not exceeding forty five hundred dollars per annum.

Passed: sent down for concurrence July 5. Same up concurred.

July 7, 1877

Approved by the Mayor July 6, 1877.

A true copy

Attest:

L. F. McBlary  
City Clerk.

Supt accepts  
position at  
Harvard  
University.

The Superintendent announced that he had accepted the position offered to him by the Corporation of Harvard University; but would not at present definitely fix upon the time for severing his connection with this Library.

The Superintendent announced that the form of the page for the Barton Catalogue had been determined on, and the printing would begin at once.

Telephone.

The Supt stated that if there was no objection the proposition of Stearns and George (\$155.00, besides rent of instrument) for placing the Central Library and the South End Branch in telephonic connection would be accepted; also the proposition of Heywood Bros Co. for furnishing six dozen of chairs according to specifications (four for the Jamaica Plain Branch, and two for the South End Branch) at \$21.00 per dozen.

Chairs.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury August 1, 1877, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$251.31. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to \$5546.77, is hereby specially approved.

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The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills for the Jamaica Plain Branch payable at the City Treasury August 1, 1877, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$1516.96. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the Pay Roll for the Jamaica Plain Branch included in the requisition amounting to \$42.00, is hereby specially approved.

Ordered. That Mary A. Jenkins be allowed at the rate of \$300. per annum from July 1, 1877, as assistant at the South End Branch.

Miss Jenkins.

Ordered. That Messrs Baring Bros. Co. be requested to place with their agent at Leipzig to the credit of Dr. Felix Flugel the sum of £200.

Baring Bros. &  
Dr. Felix Flugel.

Mr. Lewis of the Committee on the South Boston Branch announced that owing to a want of harmony in the service of that Branch, Miss Dalton had been asked to resign.

S. B. Branch.

A letter from Albert H. Hoyt offering himself as a candidate for the office of Supt was placed on file.

A. H. Hoyt.

A letter from Wm. Minot and Wm. Minot jr, executors of the will of Miss Harris asking for a formal acceptance of the bequest by the City was referred to Judge Thomas for accomplishing the end proposed.

Miss Harris's Will

The Supt announced that the Annual Report was in type, and would be printed as soon as the several Trustees had signified their assent.

Annual Report.

A committee consisting of the President, Messrs Thomas, Clark, Green and Lewis

at Aug. 14, 1877. Was appointed to take into consideration the matter of the resignation of the Superintendent and report what action should be taken by the Trustees thereon and what measures should be taken by the Trustees when the vacancy occurs.

The Supt. presented his order book and monthly report for June.

At 11.30 the meeting dissolved.

Justin Owen  
Supt.

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 1877

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 o'clock.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Thomas, Frothingham, Green, Lewis and Howes.

The President took the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The following communications were received from the City Clerk:

City of Boston

In Common Council, July 26, 1877

Ordered;

That the generous bequest of Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library of the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, together with her private library and the portrait of her grandfather, Richard Devens, Esquire, be accepted, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to make suitable acknowledgment of the receipt thereof to the executors of the will.

Ordered.

Bequest of  
Miss Harris to  
Charlestown Branch

That the Trustees of the Public Library be authorized to receive the private library and portrait mentioned in said bequest, and to deposit the same in the Charlestown Branch of the Public Library.

Ordered:

That the City Treasurer be authorized to receive from the executors of the will of Charlotte Harris the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and to invest said amount in certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and payable to the City of Boston: the securities for the same to be deposited in the office of the Auditor of Accounts; and that the Trustees of the Public Library be authorized to collect the interest thereon and to expend the same in accordance with the terms of the bequest.

Sent up for concurrence

Benjamin Pope, Pres.

In Board of Aldermen, July 30, 1877.

Concurred.

John T. Clark, Chair.

Approved July 31, 1877

Frederick O. Prince, Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest, J. F. McKeary, City Clerk.

Extract from Will of Charlotte Harris.

"I give to the Charlestown Public Library Ten Thousand Dollars to be invested on interest, which interest is to be applied to the purchase of books published before 1850. I also give to said Public Library my own private library and the portrait of my grandfather, Richard Devens, Esquire."

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Will of Charlotte  
Harris.



Aug. 4, 1877

City Hall, Boston.

Aug. 8, 1877

Books in Hall -  
West Roxbury

Justin Winsor Esq.  
Supt Pub. Library

Portrait  
of  
Stephen M. Weld

Sir: In answer to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, relating to the disposition of certain books belonging to the late town of West Roxbury, now in the Selectmen's room at Curtis Hall, also of the portrait of Stephen M. Weld, given to said town, the undersigned would say, that, for the proper care and preservation of said books and portrait no better disposal can possibly be made than to place them in the Jamaica Plain Branch Library, where their safety will be secured, and they will also be readily accessible to all who desire to see them.

In the absence, therefore, of any other special authority in the matter, you are hereby directed to place the books belonging to the Town of West Roxbury on the shelves of the Jamaica Plain Branch Library, and to hang the portrait of Mr. Weld on the walls of the Reading Room.

Frederick O. Prince  
Mayor  
J. F. McBlary  
City Clerk.

Library of  
Miss Eliza Mary  
Thayer.

Several communications were received from Miss C. C. Thayer, relative to the library of her deceased sister, Eliza Mary Thayer, offering it to this Library on condition of the books being kept together and not being allowed to leave the building. The conditions were accepted, and it was

Resolved:

That the Trustees of the Public Library take great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the bequest of Miss Eliza Mary Thayer, com-

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prising in its collection so many rare, valuable and remarkable books, and contributing in the most desirable manner to the engrained portraiture of the Library. The devotion of the collector to her proposed object has added to a popular library stores of information of a character which it could hardly purchase from its own funds, and for which it must be indebted in the future as it has been in the past to individual cultivation and generosity.

The Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury September 1st, 1877, amounting as per cash-book of this date to the sum of \$9340.80. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered: That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5637.90, is hereby specially approved.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable for the Jamaica Plain Branch payable at the City Treasury Sept. 1, 1877, amounting as per cash-book of this date to the sum of \$3473.59. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered: That the pay-roll for the Jamaica Plain Branch included in the requisition, amounting to \$147.90, is hereby specially approved.

Ordered: That Romeo Cervi be allowed at the rate of \$1,000 per annum, for services in the bindery.

Romeo Cervi -

Ordered: That Miss Louise Hewins be allowed at the rate of \$500. per annum for temporary services in the Ordering Department.

Miss Louisa Hewins

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Arthur S. Knight.

Ordered: That Arthur S. Knight be allowed at the rate of \$182. per annum, as Bates Hall runner.

Richard Payne

Ordered: That Richard Payne be allowed at the rate of \$182. per annum, as Bates Hall runner.

Mrs. Eliza R. Davis

Ordered: That Mrs. Eliza R. Davis, temporary assistant at the Jamaica Plain Branch, be allowed at the rate of \$500. per annum.

Telephones to  
South End Branch

Ordered: That the Superintendent be authorized to agree with Stearns & George for constructing a line of telegraph between the Central Library and the South End Branch at the cost of \$155., and to sign a contract for the use of two telephones at \$10. each for one year.

James T. Fields

A communication from Rev. James Freeman Clarke, presenting the name of James T. Fields as a candidate for the Superintendency was ordered on file.

Superintendent's  
Resignation.

A definite resignation of his office was received from the Superintendent.

The following report was made:

Public Library, 14<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1877

The Special Committee of the Trustees to whom was referred the subject of the resignation of the Superintendent, and the action of the Trustees thereon, and also the question of the measures to be taken when the vacancy occurs, ask leave to submit the subjoined orders and resolution:

Ordered: That the resignation of the Superintendent from and after be accepted.

Order, no. 1.

In view of the eminent services rendered to the institution during his term of office, the Committee propose the following resolution as a proper recognition of the same:

Resolution.

Resolved: That in accepting the resignation by Mr. Winsor of the Superintendency of the Public Library, the Trustees feel it to be their duty and their pleasure to place upon record their full appreciation of the remarkable assiduity and fidelity with which he carried out the manifold duties of his office; of his unusual administrative ability, and of his clear perception and inventive action in all the methods devised by him to develop the healthy uses of the books, and the proper organization of the branch system. Especially would they commend the new and improved direction given to the catalogues of the Library; which has elevated the reputation of the institution, and of its skilled workers, both at home and abroad. While regretting the causes which led to his separation from the field of active labor which has engrossed his time for the past ten years, they cannot but hope that he will find as efficient and salutary employment in his new sphere of educational action.

The measures to be taken when Mr. Winsor terminates his connection with the Library require a longer consideration than your Committee have yet been able to give. The great difficulty of finding a suitable incumbent, the necessity of a further negotiation with the city government relative to the Library appropriation, the question of certain changes in the Library organization, all demand time. But in order that there may

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be no break in the necessary executive work of the Library, for which some person must be clothed with the power of the office, they recommend the passage of the following order:

Order No. 2.

Ordered: That our co-trustee Dr. Samuel A. Green be respectfully invited to occupy the position of the Superintendent of the Library, pro tem.

Unfinished Library Work.

With regard to the unfinished Library work, for which preparations have been made and materials collected by Mr. Winsor, especially for future numbers of the Bulletin, for a history of the Library, and for the Barton Catalogue, your committee would ask for its reference to the Committee on Books to consider and report.

W. W. Greenough  
for the Committee.

The report of the Committee was accepted, and the resolution was adopted. An order referring the matters of the History of the Library, the Bulletin, and the Barton Catalogue, to the Book Committee, was also adopted.

Orders No. 1 and 2 were laid on the table.

Adjourned at 11.30 to meet at 10 o'clock, Aug. 21st.

Justin Winsor  
Secy

Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1877

The Trustees met by adjournment in the Library, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Frothingham,

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Thomas, Green, Howes and Pope.

The President took the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Superintendent presented a letter from the Principal Librarian of the British Museum, relative to several cases of books sent to that Library.

British Museum.

Ordered, that Mr. Winsor be requested to represent the Public Library of Boston at the Conference of Librarians in London.

Conference of Librarians  
London.

Ordered, that the resignation of the Superintendent from and after 30th Sept. be accepted.

Sup's resignation  
Accepted.

Ordered, that our co-trustee Dr. Samuel A. Green, have special supervision of the Library during the absence of the Superintendent.

Dr. Green to take  
special supervision.

Adjourned to Tuesday Aug. 28th at 10 A. M.

Justin Winsor  
Secy.

Tuesday, August 28, 1877.

The Trustees met by adjournment at 10 o'clock.

Present: Messrs Greenough, Thomas, Green, Lewis, Frothingham, and Howes.

The President took the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

A general discussion followed.

Sept. 18, 1877 on the condition of the Librarians.  
At 11:00 the meeting dissolved.

Justin Cousins  
Sg.

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1877.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 o'clock.

Present, Messrs. Greenough, Frothingham, Chase and Green.

The President took the chair.

Dr. S. A. Green was chosen Secretary pro tem.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Barton Catalogue.

Mr. Greenough, for the Committee on Books and Catalogues, made a report on the Barton Catalogue which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury October 1st, 1877, amounting as per cash-book of this date to the sum of \$8789.53. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5803.81, is hereby specially approved.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable for the Jamaica Plain Branch, payable at the City Treasury October 1st, 1877, amounting as per cash-book of this date to the sum of 773.33

The bills having been examined were approved by the Board. Sept. 18, 1877.

Ordered, that the pay-roll for the Jamaica Plain Branch included in the requisition, amounting to \$5803.81, is hereby specially approved.

The following letter was read:

1724 Frankford Road

Philadelphia, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1877

To the Trustees of the Boston Public Library:

Gentlemen: I am desirous to obtain from your Library the manuscript work of the late Mr. Hunt on the Haytiens [4290.62], for the purpose of having a copy made of the same for publication, in accordance with Mr. Hunt's wish. I hereby hold the Trustees exonerated from responsibility in case of any injury or mischance to the manuscript, and it is the copy, and not the Ms. itself which is to be used for such editing or printing as may be required; the Ms. to be returned to the Library after the copy is made.

Adelaide L. Hunt.

A letter  
from  
Mrs. Adelaide L.  
Hunt.

Resolved, that the request in Mrs. Hunt's letter be granted; and that the letter be placed on file.

The Superintendent's 86<sup>th</sup> monthly report was ordered on file.

A general discussion took place on the condition of the Library, and several names were mentioned in connection with the Superintendency.

Ordered, that Milton Austin be allowed at the rate of \$600 per annum, from July 1st, 1877.

Milton Austin  
Librarian at South  
End Branch.

Ordered, that Adeline S. Baylies, temporary assistant

Miss Baylies

Oct. 16, 1877. in the Ordering Department, be allowed at the rate of \$500. per annum, from Aug. 13, 1877.

Fred. M. Hart. Ordered, that Fred. M. Hart be allowed at the rate of \$182. per annum, for runner service, Bates Hall.

Albert Carter. Ordered, that Albert Carter be allowed at the rate of \$182. per annum, for runner service in Bates Hall.

Samuel McConnell. Ordered, that Samuel McConnell be allowed at the rate of \$182. per annum, for runner service in Bates Hall.

At 11 o'clock, the meeting dissolved.

Samuel A. Green,  
Secretary *pro tempore*.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1877

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 A.M.

Present, Messrs Greenough, Thomas, Chase, Lewis, Howes and Green

The President took the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Nov. 1st, 1877, amounting as per cash-book of this date to the sum of \$8713.82; The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, that the pay-roll included in the requisition,

amounting to \$5375.48, is hereby specially approved.

Oct. 16, 1877.

The Committee on Finance reported a schedule of bills payable for the Jamaica Plain Branch, amounting as per cash-book of this date to the sum of \$912.43, payable at the City Treasury Nov. 1st, 1877. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered, that the pay-roll for the Jamaica Plain Branch included in the requisition, amounting to \$153.00, is hereby specially approved.

Mr. Chase made reports on the Branches at East Boston, Brighton and Roxbury, all which he had recently visited.

Mr. Frothingham called the attention of the Board to a file of the Charlestown Advertiser, for sale by the publisher of the paper. The subject was referred to the Committee on Books and Catalogues.

Charlestown  
Advertiser.

Mr. Lewis said that complaint had been made at some of the Branches about the quality of the paper used in covering books. The subject was referred to the respective Branch Committees; and Dr. Green was requested to report at the next meeting on the amount on hand etc.

Covering Paper.

Mr. Lewis offered the following amendments to the By-laws:

By Laws.

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws,  
October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1877.

Page 4, article 7, 1st section, third line: strike out the letter s from "edifices"

Page 9, article 11, 1st section, 2d line. Strike out the word "assistants", and insert "other employees"; also, insert after the word "nomination", first line, "duties and absences".

Page 12, article 16, after the word "Regulations", in third line, strike out "but such orders shall be at all times"

Page 9, article 11, 2d section, first line, after the word "In", insert the word "all", and strike out all after the word "Branch" in second line.

Weston Lewis.

Mr. Chase offered the following:

Vacation

Voted: that no vacation shall be hereafter allowed to any employe of the Library until after six months' service.

The Superintendent's 87th monthly report was presented, and ordered on file.

The subject of the Superintendency was discussed.

At 11. 10, dissolved.

Samuel A. Peew,  
Secretary *pro tempore*.

Tuesday, November 20, 1877.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present: Trustees Greenough, Thomas, Clark Chase, Lewis, Nottingham, Howe and Green.

The President took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

There were also present from the Committee on the Library from the City Council, Alder Men Durham and Thompson, and Councilmen Pratt Webster, Warren, Merrill and Coyle

Com. on Library

The President after stating the object of the meeting offered the following order proposed for action by the City Government:

Ordered. That the Trustees of the Public Library be authorized to spend in the course of that institution the amount of such salaries as were fixed by the order relative to the Library, passed March 20th of the present year, and which may lapse or have since lapsed in consequence either the resignation of the officer named or by a change of duties rendered necessary for purposes of administration, provided however that no salary established by the order shall be increased during the current year, and that the whole amount to be expended shall not exceed the total sum appropriated for these special officers.

Salaries used for other purposes.

The order was unanimously adopted and the President requested to communicate the same to the City Council.

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Incorporation of  
Board of Trustees

Mr. Oronough also stated for the information of the Committee on the Library, that the question of the incorporation of the Board of Trustees was now under consideration by that body, but that no action by the City Committee was desired until some definite conclusion had been reached.

Charlestown  
Advertiser.

Mr. Nottingham reported that the publisher of the Charlestown Advertiser had not fixed a price for the file of his paper, and for that reason the Committee could make no recommendation about its purchase.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury December 1st, 1877, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$5455.14. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition amounting to \$5226.92, is hereby specially approved.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills for the Jamaica Plain Branch payable at the City Treasury December 1st, 1877, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$263.09. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll for the Jamaica Plain Branch, included in the requisition amounting to \$163.00 is hereby specially approved.

Miss Sarah Bunker  
Librarian  
at Roxbury

Mr. Chase from the sub-committee on the Roxbury Branch reported the name of Miss Sarah Bunker, recommending her as the Librarian of that Branch and it was accordingly

Ordered. That Miss Bunker be appointed Librarian of the Roxbury Branch at \$600 per annum from November 1st, 1877.

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South End Branch.

Mr. Lewis for the Committee on the South End Branch reported that the Mercantile Library Association would give to that Branch the use of an additional room, provided the Library would pay for the shelving a sum not to exceed \$100, which proposition was agreed to and the Committee authorized to make the arrangement.

New Room.

Mr. Lewis also asked in the name of the Committee that certain books should be bought for the Branch, which matter was referred to the Committee on Books.

New Books

Mr. Lewis stated that one week, the time for keeping out books, was rather short and moved that the subject be referred to the Committee on Administration, which accordingly passed.

One Week Rule.

Dr. Green reported that the amount of covering paper on hand would last about two months.

Covering Paper.

An acknowledgement was had from Dr. Winter Jones Esq., of the British Museum for books and pamphlets relating to the history of Boston received from the Library; the letter was ordered to be placed on file.

Books etc. sent to  
British Museum.

A petition for granting to Mr. Nath. J. McCarthy "the privilege of occupying for study a table in the gallery of the Lower Hall, and for convenience of access some shelves for the deposit of his books" was presented. After some explanation and discussion it was referred to a special committee consisting of Judge Thomas, Dr. Green and Mr. Chase.

Petition for  
Nath. J. McCarthy.

A petition relating to the Janitorship of the Brighton Branch, was presented and referred to the Committee on that Branch.

Janitorship of the  
Brighton Branch.

Ordered. That Arthur McShane be employed as Watchman at the rate of \$182 per annum.

Arthur McShane.

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Wm. M. Dudley

Ordered. That Wm. M. Dudley be employed as  
runner at the South End Branch at the rate of \$156  
per annum.

Maudie Morse.

Ordered. That Miss Maudie Morse employed as assis-  
tant at the South End Branch, be allowed at the  
rate of \$208 per annum.

Bronze Medal  
and Diploma  
from  
International Exhibit  
Philadelphia.

A bronze medal and dipl-  
oma awarded the Library by the United States Centen-  
nial Commission of the International Exhibition, Phil-  
adelphia, 1876, received since the last meeting were laid  
before the Board.

MS. sent to Mrs.  
Hunt. Returned.

Dr. Green reported that the  
MS. work of the late Mr. Hunt on the Haytiens which  
was sent to Mrs. Hunt of Philadelphia, in accordance  
with a vote of the Board passed September 14th, had  
been duly returned. Miss Chamberlain's  
note returning the MS. was placed on file.

Special Privileges

A letter was received from  
Miss B. L. Duncan, a teacher in the Trimmer school  
asking for a special privilege card. It was  
stated that many of the teachers had applied for a  
similar card, which had given rise to some complaint  
on the part of others that they could not have the same  
liberty. Whereupon it was resolved that it  
was not expedient to grant the request.

The Superintendent's Month-  
ly report for October was presented.

At 12.10 the meeting ad-  
journed to December 4th.

Samuel A. Green  
Secretary pro tempore.

Tuesday, December 4, 1877

An adjourned meeting of the Trustees  
was held in the Library at 10 A. M.

President Messrs. Greenough, Thomas,  
Chase, Lewis, Nottingham, Howes and Green.  
The President, Mr. Greenough, took  
the chair.

The records of the last meeting  
were read and approved.

The changes in the By-laws pro-  
posed at the October meeting were next taken up  
and severally passed. They were as follows:-

Page 4, Article VII, 1st section, 3d line, substitute the word  
"Building" for "edifices".

Page 9, Article XI, 1st section, 2nd line, after the word  
"nomination" insert "duties and absences" and for the  
word "Assistants" substitute "other attendants".

Page 9, Article XI, strike out entirely the 2nd section.

Page 12, Article XVI, 1st section, 3d and 4th lines from  
the top of the page, strike out the words "such orders shall  
be at all times".

Mr. Lewis moved the following  
amendment, to be acted upon at the next meeting:-

Page 20, Article XXV, 5th line, insert the words "in writing"  
after "Trustees".

The following order, offered  
by the Committee on Finance was duly passed:-

Ordered. That the City Treasurer be requested to remit  
the sum of £400, to Messrs. Baring, Bros. & Co. London,  
to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

A letter from Mr. Chenery,  
Dean of the Boston Dental School, was read, ask-  
ing that the same privileges be extended to the

By Laws.

Baring Bros. & Co.

Dr. Chenery -  
Boston Dental  
School -



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students of that school as are given to those of the Harvard Dental School, which request was accordingly granted under the rules.

Petition of N. J. McCarthy

The special Committee to whom was referred the petition of Nath. J. McCarthy, reported that it was inexpedient to grant it.

Dr. Green in behalf of the Committee on Administration, reported that in their opinion the rule restricting the keeping out of books to one week ought in certain cases to be extended to a fortnight, whereupon after some discussion it was unanimously voted that:

Change in rules of Circulation

Fiction and juvenile works published within one year shall circulate for seven days, all other books for fourteen days. No transfers of books by card will hereafter be permitted. No book can be renewed until it has remained one day in its place on the shelf.

The Committee on Administration also recommended the following By-law, to be considered at the next meeting: -

Any absence not herein provided for by the By-laws shall be deducted from the compensation of attendants, on and after January 1st.

The following change was made in the Regulations: -

Page 15, 5th line from the top, for the word "those" substitute "Books", and strike out the 6th and 7th lines, and the words "Library and" in the 8th line.

Also substitute "Books" for "those" in the 1st line after the Note. page 15.

Library Privileges.

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The question of "Library privileges" as used by the Library attendants, was taken up, and its consideration deferred till the next meeting.

Noted that hereafter the meetings be called at 3.30 o'clock P.M.

At 11.45 the meeting dissolved.

Samuel A. Green,  
Secretary, pro tem.

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1877.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held on the Library at 3.30 P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Thomas, Chase, Lewis, Isaac, Frothingham, and Green. The President, Mr. Greenough, took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Green for the Committee on Administration reported that the subject of incorporation which was mentioned by Mr. Greenough at the meeting of November 20, had been under consideration, and gave some of the reasons for the proposed change.

Thereupon Mr. Lewis moved and it was so voted, that a special committee, consisting of Mr. Greenough, Judge Thomas, and Mr. Chase be appointed to consider the whole subject and report at a future meeting.

Dr. Green for the Committee on Administration also reported that the question

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Changes in Library  
Services.

of certain changes in the Library Service, involving alterations in the By-laws, had been broached, which was referred back to the same Committee.

Inspector of Circulation

Mr. Greenough spoke of the importance and necessity of an officer to take charge of the circulation of the Lower Hall and of the Branches. Whereupon Mr. Chase gave notice that he should ask for the appointment of an Inspector of Circulation.

The subject of Special Privilege cards was discussed and certain changes in the wording of the one now in use suggested.

Barton Catalogue.

Mr. Greenough for the Committee on Books and Catalogues reported that a beginning had been made in printing the Barton Catalogue as well as that for the Jamaica Plain Branch.

Jam. Pl. Catalogue.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury Jan. 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$8834.72. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to \$5309.70 is hereby specially approved.

The Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills for the Jamaica Plain Branch payable at the City Treasury Jan. 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$166.60. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay roll for the Jamaica Plain Branch, included in the requisition, amounting to \$07.50, is hereby specially approved.

Ordered. That Messrs Baring, Bros. & Co. be requested to place with their agent at Madrid £.100, to the credit of Señor Don. Juan F. Riccio.

Baring, Bros & Co  
to Riccio

Ordered. That Messrs Baring, Bros. & Co. be requested to place with their agent at Florence and to the credit of Top. E. Alberti £.100.

to Alberti.

Ordered that Messrs Baring, Bros. & Co. be requested to place with their agent at Leipzig £.200, to the credit of Dr. Felix Flügel.

to Flügel.

Mr. Chase for the sub-committee on the Brighton Branch, recommended the appointment of James M. Brock as janitor, whereupon it was

Brighton Branch  
Janitor.

Ordered. That James M. Brock be appointed Janitor of the Brighton Branch from January 1st, at the rate of \$500 per annum.

Mr. Greenough reported that the Jamaica Plain Branch was formally opened December 5th. And he also called the attention of the Board to the gift of 29 illustrated volumes, made to the Library by the Department of Education of Japan. Whereupon he was instructed to send a special letter of thanks for the same.

Jamaica Plain

Japan. Dept. of Educa

The Superintendent's Monthly Report for November was presented.

Adjourned at 5.20 to Monday December 24th at 3.30 P.M.

Samuel A. Green,  
Secretary pro tempore.

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Monday, December 24, 1877.

An adjourned meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3.30 P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Fotheringham, Lewis, Chase, Thomas and Green.

The President, Mr Greenough, took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Inspector  
of  
Circulation.

Mr. Lewis for the Committee on Administration reported that it was expedient to appoint an Inspector of Circulation at a salary of \$1500 per annum, whose duties should be defined in the following By-law.

The Inspector of Circulation shall have the general oversight of the Reading Room in Boylston St., of the Fine Arts Room, of the Circulation of the Lower Hall and of the Branches. He shall on each day of the week visit the Branches in turn successively in the evenings, and remain in the Lower Hall from 17 P.M. until the Library closes.

It shall be his duty to keep full statistics corrected to the first of each month of the condition of each library in his charge, of the number of books in each department of each library, and shall report to the Trustees from time to time upon the books wanted or that are superfluous in each library.

It shall be his duty to advise readers on the books and subjects relative to which information is asked and to far as is practicable to assist inquirers in the direction which they need.

It shall also be his duty to inspect and report upon the character of the circulation of the Lower Hall library and of each Branch, classifying as far as is practicable the fiction.

He shall investigate the complaints of visitors and readers and maintain constant watchfulness upon the relations of the popular libraries to the public. He shall have the general oversight, under the Superintendent, of the discipline of the reading room in Boylston St. and of the Lower Hall and its Branches. He shall perform such other duties in connection with these departments, as are assigned him by the Trustees.

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He shall investigate the complaints of visitors and readers and maintain constant watchfulness upon the relations of the popular libraries to the public.

He shall have the general oversight, under the Superintendent, of the discipline of the reading room in Boylston St. and of the Lower Hall and its Branches. He shall perform such other duties in connection with these departments, as are assigned him by the Trustees.

Whereupon it was voted that such an office be created and

Ordered. That Mr. Edward Tiffany be appointed Inspector of Circulation from January 1st, 1878 at the rate of \$1500 per annum.

Mr. Edward Tiffany

Mr. Lewis gave notice that he should move at the next meeting to substitute the foregoing synopsis of the duties of an Inspector as Article XIX of the By-laws.

By-Laws: XIX

Dr. Green for the Committee on Administration mentioned the proposed changes in the new Special Privilege Card which were approved by the Ward.

Special Privilege  
Card.

After some conversation it was voted that the office of Keeper of Bates Hall be abolished on and after April 1, 1878.

Office of  
Keeper of Bates Hall  
abolished.

It was also voted that the services of Mr. A. A. Brooks, Assistant Keeper of the Lower Hall be dispensed with on and after the same date.

A. A. Brooks.

The amendment offered at the last meeting by Mr. Lewis was next taken up and passed. It was to insert the words "in writing" after "Trustees", page 20, Article XXV, 5th

Amendment in  
By-Laws.

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Officers privileges abolished.

Anna E. Eberle.

Miss Swain.

Ventilation

Petition

Uniforms for Runners.

line of the By-laws.

It was voted that hereafter the privileges of officers in the Library so far as they relate to taking out books be abolished.

Mr. Frothingham for the Committee on the Charlestown Branch recommended the appointment of Miss Anna E. Eberle as Reading Room assistant at the Branch, with a salary at the rate of \$500 per annum.

On the recommendation of Mr. Frothingham it was also

Ordered - that Miss M. T. Swain be appointed extra assistant at the Charlestown Branch at the rate of 25cts an hour.

Mr. Greenough read a letter from Richard B. Hill relating to the ventilation of the Lower Hall which was referred to the Committee on Building and Grounds.

A petition was presented from Mrs. Abbie S. Bradford and twenty five others asking that the time of keeping out books might be extended, but as this had already been done in regard to all books excepting works of fiction and juveniles, the petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Chase offered an order in regard to the uniform for the Runners in Ball's Hall, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs Chase and Lewis.

The Sup't's Monthly Report and order book were presented.

At 5.30 the meeting dissolved.

Samuel A. Green, Secretary pro tempore.

Tuesday, January 15, 1878

Jan. 15, 1878

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3.30 P.M.

Present: Messrs Greenough, Frothingham, Clark, Lewis, Chase, Howe and Green.

The President, Mr. Greenough, took the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following letter from the City Clerk was received:-

City of Boston  
In Board of Aldermen. Dec. 31, 1877

Ordered. That the Trustees of the Public Library, be authorized to cause to be printed an account of the proceedings at the dedication of the Jamaica Plain Branch Library, on December 5, 1877, the expense thereof not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for the Public Library.

Sent down for concurrence January 3, 1878. Came up concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, Jan 4, 1878.

A true copy, Attest.  
J. F. McBlair  
City Clerk.

The Committee on Administration reported the following changes in the regulations:

Article 11, page 14, strike out the third paragraph and substitute the following: - "No work of fiction or juvenile book published within one year shall be retained by the borrower for more than seven days, and no other book more than fourteen days. No renewals

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are allowed. No book can be taken out again by the same borrower until it has remain- ed on the shelf one day.

Article 11, page 14 last line. "The transfer of a book from one card to another is not allowed."

Article 11, page 10, the last part of the first paragraph should read. "Books marked with two stars can under no circumstances be allowed to leave the building."

Article 11, page 10, 2d paragraph, for "Those bearing three stars &c." substitute "Books bearing three stars."

Article 12, page 17. Note after "Example" for "A book" sub- stitute "A work of fiction published within one year."

Special Privilege Card

The new special privilege card with changes approved at the last meeting was pre- sented.

Paris Exposition.

The President called the atten- tion of the trustees to the question of the Library's making an exhibit at the Paris Exposition, and was requested to open the necessary correspondence on the subject with General H. C. Mc Cormick, U. S. Commissioner General, New York City, and authorized to make the requisite arrangements.

Evening Readers at Branches.

Mr. Tiffany was requested to report at the next meeting as to the number of read- ers at the Branches during the evening.

Expense of Lighting Bates Hall.

The question of the expense of lighting Bates Hall was brought up, and referred to the president and Mr. Shaw.

The Committee on Finance pre- sented a schedule of bills payable at the City Treas- urer February 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$8761.08. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

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Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition, amounting to \$5437.87, is hereby specially approved.

The Committee on Finance pre- sented a schedule of bills for the Jamaica Plain Branch payable at the City Treasury February 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$243.60. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition for the Jamaica Plain Branch, amounting to \$141.35 is hereby specially approved.

Ordered. That the salary of Lillian Davis, a runner at the Charlestown Branch, be increased from the rate of \$3.00 to \$3.50 per week on and after February 1.

Lillian Davis - Salary Increased.

Ordered. That the necessary alterations be made in the Dorchester Branch at an expense not exceeding \$125.

Alterations in Dorchester Branch.

Ordered. That Miss Dora Puffer be employed in the Reading Room at Roxbury Branch at a salary of \$350. per annum.

Miss Dora Puffer at Roxbury.

Mr. Shaw for the Committee to whom was referred the question of uniforms for the Bates Hall runners presented a report which was accepted.

Uniforms for Runners.

Voted. To take down the placards bearing John Scanlan's name, put up by order of the Trustees March 13, 1877.

John Scanlan.

At five o'clock the meeting dissolved.

Samuel A. Green, Secretary, pro tempore.

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Tuesday February 12, 1878.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3.30 P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Thomas, Brass, Guild, Coe, Shepard, Lewis, Frothingham and Green, being a meeting of the full Board of Trustees.

The President, Mr. Greenough took the chair.

The reading of the records was omitted.

The following letter was read from the City Clerk

January 24, 1878.

This is to certify

that Aldermen Curtis Guild and Messrs Harry N. Shepard and Henry F. Coe of the Common Council have been duly elected by Con-  
current vote,  
Trustees of the Public Library.

for the present municipal year, and until others are chosen in their places.

S. F. McBlaney  
City Clerk.

Alderman Guild  
Councilmen Shepard  
and Coe.

Notice from City Auditor.

The usual notice from the City Auditor for estimates for the coming year was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance

Treadwell estate.

A communication was received from the surviving trustee of the Treadwell estate in regard to the bequest left to this Library, and referred to Judge Thomas.

Incorporation of  
Trustees.

The report of the Committee on Incorporation of the Trustees was read by Mr.

Greenough and accepted. Mr. Greenough was request-  
ed to transmit the report to the Committee on the Library  
of the City Council.

A petition from Dr. Tourjée, director of the New England Conservatory of Music, re-  
questing that the non-resident members of the Conservatory  
might be allowed to take books from the Library, was read  
and granted.

Dr. Tourjée agreeing to guarantee the Library against loss of every kind, and also that the regulations shall be observed by his pupils. The guar-  
antee was placed on file.

Mr. Greenough appointed  
the following Committee for the ensuing year

Administration  
Messrs Green, Lewis, Frothingham.

Building & Grounds.  
Messrs Brass, Shepard and Coe.

Books & Catalogues.  
Messrs Lewis, Guild and Coe.

Finance  
Messrs Lewis, Guild and Coe.

The appointments of  
the Branch Committee was deferred until the next  
meeting.

The subject of raising  
Thomas Whyte's salary was brought up and referred  
to the Committee on Administration.

Ordered. That Maynard Young be appointed run-  
ner in Bates Hall at the rate of \$182 per annum.

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Dr. Tourjée of  
New England  
Conservatory of  
Music.

Committees  
appointed.

Thomas Whyte's  
Salary.

Maynard Young.

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British Museum

Dr. Green called attention to an acknowledgement received from the British Museum for a package of books and pamphlets sent from the Library.

The Superintendent's report for January was presented. At 4.40 the meeting dissolved.

Samuel A. Green.  
Secretary pro tempore.

Tuesday, Feb'y, 19, 1878.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held in the Library at 3.30 P.M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Thomas, Frothingham, Shepard, Chase and Green.

Alderman Faunce from the Committee on the Library of the City Council was present, in answer to an invitation extended to that Committee by the Trustees.

Mr. Greenough the President took the chair.

The records of the last two meetings were read and accepted.

Mr. Greenough for the Committee on Finance no one member of which was present, reported the following

Order. That in the judgement of the Trustees the following sums are needed for the expenses of the Library during

The coming year

Binding.	\$3,500
Books for main library for branches & periodicals.	16,000
Catalogues.	8,000
Fuel.	2,500
Furniture, shelves & fixtures.	2,500
Gas.	5,500
Expenses, misc. & special.	3,500
Printing & stationery.	5,500
Salaries.	73,000
Transportation, postage, &c.	3,000
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	\$123,000

The order was passed unanimous.

by.

The president appointed the following Branch Committees.

Branch Committees.

East Boston.

Messrs Chase and Shepard.

South Boston.

Messrs Lewis and Guild.

Roxbury.

Messrs Green and Chase.

Charlestown.

Messrs Frothingham and Green.

Trignton.

Messrs Chase and Guild.

Dorchester.

Messrs Greenough and Shepard.

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South End.  
Messrs Lewis and Coe.

Jamaica Plain.  
Messrs Coe and Thomas.

Dr. Green for the Com-  
mittee on Administration reported the following orders:

Thomas Whyte's  
Salary raised.

Ordered. That Thomas Whyte's salary be at the rate  
of \$300 per annum.

John M. Bartoll.

Ordered. That John M. Bartoll be employed in Miss  
Tiki's department at the rate of \$182 per annum.

In consequence of the absence  
of the several members of the Committee on Finance,  
Councilman Shepard was appointed and presented a  
schedule of bills payable at the City Treasury March 1,  
amounting, as per cash book of this date, to the sum of  
\$12,486.22. The bills having been examined  
were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition  
amounting to \$5504.88 is hereby specially approved.

Mr. Shepard for the Com-  
mittee on Finance presented a schedule of bills for  
the Jamaica Plain Branch, payable at the City  
Treasury March 1, amounting as per cash book of this  
date to the sum of \$591.83. The bills having  
been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered. That the pay-roll included in the requisition  
for the Jamaica Plain Branch amounting to \$157.47,  
is hereby specially approved.

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A short discussion took  
place on the question of a special appropriation of \$2000  
for the South End Branch which was finally laid on the  
table.

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At 5.05 the meeting dissolved.

Samuel A. Green,  
Secretary, pro tempore

Tuesday, March 19, 1878.

A regular meeting of the Board of  
Trustees was held in the Library at 8.30 P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Thomas,  
Shaw, Lewis, Coe, Guild, Frothingham and Green.  
Mr. Greenough, the President took the  
chair.

The records of the last two meetings  
were read and accepted.

A verbal communication from the  
Mayor was received, through the President asking if it  
were practicable to reduce the amount of appropriation for  
the coming year, as already asked for by the sum of \$3000,  
which was assented to under the circumstances.

Reduced  
Appropriation.

The following communication  
was read and ordered to be placed on file.

In Board of Aldermen  
February 18, 1878.

Ordered.  
That His Honor the Mayor be requested to  
petition the General Court, at its present session

Incorporation of  
Trustees.



March 19, 1878 for the passage of an act incorporating the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.  
 Read in Common Council.  
 Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.  
 Approved by the Mayor.  
 Feb 19, 1878.  
 A true copy: John T. Priest.  
 Sec'y City Clerk.

Paris Municipal Documents

The president called attention to a communication from His Honor the Mayor announcing a gift to the Library of a number of Paris Municipal Documents from the Prefect of the Seine. The communication was placed on file.

Incorporation Mr. Ventilation

A copy of the proposed Act of Incorporation now before the Legislature was shown.

Mr. Shale for the Committee on Building and Grounds reported on the subject of ventilation which was referred to that Committee on Dec. 27th, 1877, after which Mr. Hill the representative of the Jenison Heating and Ventilating Co. came before the Board and explained the proposed plan in its details. The report was laid on the table with the understanding that Alderman Child should bring the subject before the Committee on Public Buildings at the proper time.

Mr. Lewis for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills, payable at the City Treasury April 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$5469.85. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

Ordered - That the pay roll included in the requisition amounting to \$5234.88 is hereby specially approved.

Mr. Lewis for the Committee on Finance presented a schedule of bills for the Jamaica

Plain Branch, payable at the City Treasury April 1, 1878, amounting as per cash book of this date to the sum of \$490.22. The bills having been examined were approved by the Board.

March 19, 1878.

Ordered. That the pay roll included in the requisition for the Jamaica Plain Branch, amounting to \$142.53 is hereby specially approved.

Mr. Greenough for the Committee on the Jamaica Plain Branch, reported the following

Order. That Mrs. Eliza B. Davis be appointed Librarian of Jamaica Plain Branch at the rate of \$5.00 per annum.

Eliza B. Davis.

Order. That Frank H. Thomas receive \$5. per week from April 1, 1878.

Frank H. Thomas.

Order. That Margaret Doyle receive \$5. per week from April 1, 1878.

Doyle, Margaret

Judge Thomas to whom was referred at the meeting of Jan. 24, a communication from the surviving Trustees of the Bradwell estate, reported that the papers were in form and correct.

Treasurer Estate.

A communication was received from Miss Bunker of the Roxbury Branch saying that two valuable portraits, one of Oliver Cromwell, the other of Galileo had been presented to the Fellows Athenaeum by the heirs of the late Sully S. Thwing Esq.

Portraits presented to Fellows Athenaeum by the heirs of Sully C. Thwing

Dr. Green announced the gift of a bronze medal from the Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund, <sup>which</sup> had been placed in the show case in Balis Hall.

A letter was received from E. Portier Dyer Jr. asking that two deliveries might be established, one at West Roxbury, and one at Roslindale.

Deliveries at West Roxbury and Roslindale.

which matter was referred to Messrs Chase and Green.

The Superintendent's monthly report for February was presented.

At 5:15 the meeting dissolved.

Samuel A. Green

Secretary pro tempore

April 4, 1878

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Library at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Greenough, Thomas, Frothingham, Lewis, Chase, Guild, and Green.

Mr. Greenough, the President, took the chair.

The reading of the records was omitted.

The president laid before the Board a certified copy of the new charter incorporating the Trustees which was signed by the Governor this morning.

The following communication was received from the City Clerk

March 21, 1878.

This is to certify:

That William H. Greenough and Richard Frothingham have been duly elected by concurrent vote of the City Council Trustees of the Public Library for three years from the first Monday of May next and until others are chosen in their places.

L. F. Mc Cleary  
City Clerk.

Act of Incorporation.

Messrs Greenough and Frothingham elected Trustees.

On motion of Mr. Chase seconded by Mr. Lewis the following changes were proposed in the By-Laws to be acted upon at the next meeting:

That Article XVII should read as follows:

"The Assistant Librarians shall render such services in the Library as may be designated by the Trustees."

In Article XVIII that "Office Secretary" should read "Register".

By Laws.

Ordered... That Thomas Driver be appointed runner in Bates Hall at the rate of \$182 per annum from March 27, 1878.

Thomas Driver

Ordered... That Harry A. Rawlins be appointed runner in Bates Hall at the rate of \$182 per annum from April 30, 1878.

Harry A. Rawlins

After some informal talk about the new organization it was

Annual Report.

Voted... That the annual report be made at the end of the year.

It was also

Voted... That the Committee on Finance be requested to report at the next meeting on the cost of the Jamaica Plain Catalogue.

Jamaica Plain Catalogue.

The president and Mr. Lewis were authorized to buy books for the South End Branch, the cost of which should not exceed \$700, the same to be taken from unexpended appropriation.

Books for South End

Authority was given the Committee on Building and Grounds to make certain changes behind the delivery desk in Bates Hall, the expense of which shall not exceed \$175.

Dissolved at 5.05 o'clock.

Samuel A. Green

Secretary pro tempore.

Friday, April 12, 1878

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Library this day at 3.30 P.M. in accordance with notice.

Present Messrs Greenough, Thomas, Fitzhingham, Lewis, Chase and Green.

The president Mr. Greenough took the chair.

The records of the last two meetings were read and accepted.

The president laid before the Board a certified copy of the new charter incorporating the Trustees

Adjourned sine die

Samuel A. Green

Secretary pro tempore

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