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1903

April 3

-Carnegie has offered a \$12,500 library building to Turners Falls, and the voters will look the gift in the mouth this afternoon.

April 15

[Annual Town Meeting Warrants](#)

Art. 10. Voted that the town accept the generous offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie to furnish the sum of \$12,500 for the erection of a free public library building at Turners Falls, providing that the town will appropriate a sum not less than \$1250 a year for the maintenance of the library, and provide a suitable site for the building, and that a committee of three be appointed by the moderator of this meeting to see if a desirable lot can be secured, and report at a future meeting called for the purpose.

Committee—W.H.P. Gilmore, C.M. Burnett and Charles W. Schuler.

April 22

[Patron Society Meeting](#)

At the meeting of the Patron Society of Turners Falls, Mass., held April 13, 1903, it was voted that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved:—That a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. W.H.P. Gilmore and Mr. Frederick W. Galbraith, for their earnest efforts in securing a Carnegie library for Turner Falls.

The most sincere appreciation of their great kindness is felt by the society.

It was voted that a copy of this resolution be inserted in the Turners Falls Reporter, and also a copy of the same to be sent to Mr. Galbraith.

Carrie E. Bascom, Sec. Pro Tem.

June 3

[The New High School Location](#)

At the last town meeting of Montague two committees were appointed, one to select a site for the proposed high school building and the other a location for the new \$12,500 Carnegie Library building for Turners Falls.

These two committees have decided to recommend that these buildings be placed adjoining each other on the tract of land on Montague Street opposite the house of W.L. Salmon.

This tract of land on the brow of the hill between High and Montague streets, of an irregular shape, which is about 1500 ft. long and 700 ft. wide at its widest part running to a point at its northern end, has been withdrawn from sale by the Turners Falls Company to be used as a public building park for the benefit of the village. Its beauty is appreciated by

but few for the reason that it is covered with trees and a dense thicket of underbrush which is almost impassable.



Proposed park area for Turners Falls.

Ed Gregory rendition.

Image: Google Earth 5.10.2014 21011ft.

Situated at the highest point in the village on the edge of a bluff 150 ft. high, which slopes to the village below, this bluff with the side hill which can never be built on makes an ideal place for a park. Handsome public buildings artistically placed along the trees at the top of the hill will be visible for miles around and will make a beautiful picture to the visitor who approaches the village from any direction.

It is proposed to build the library at the northern end of the triangle where a small building will make the better showing. South of that the high school building will be placed and just beyond this at the very highest point of the bluff is the best location, some time, for a town hall.

At first thought it would seem that these buildings ought not to be placed so far from the present center of population, but there are no suitable sites available within the village proper and with the proposed development of the water power it is possible that the lower part of the village will be filled with shops and factories driven by electrical power. When this occurs some new section must be opened for residences. The only one available is the upper plain where there is a level tract of land a mile long by a half mile wide, high and dry, where with good air, water, sewers and electric cars no better place can be found for a residence section.

When this is built up the proposed park which lies at one side of it will be very nearly in the center of the village and most convenient of access from all parts of it.

It is proposed to have in connection with the library a museum of Indian relics and fossil foot prints for which Turners Falls is famous already several fine collections of specimens and curios have been offered either as gifts or loans for this purpose.

It will be a decided advantage to have the library near the high school, as the pupils have more occasion to use the books than the majority of the people.

It is not proposed to close the present library and reading room on the Avenue which is quite well patronized but to keep it open evenings as a branch library.

The Library Committee have as a second choice the Murphy lot at the corner of Seventh and L streets for a library building, but this will have to be bought and will cost in the vicinity of \$2500.

July 15

Discussing Sites for Public Buildings

A special meeting of the Peskeompskut Club was held in the club rooms Monday evening, to which were invited the selectmen, school committee and members of the high school and public libraries committees, for the purpose of getting views of representative citizens as to the choice of locations for both the library and high school buildings.

C.M. Burnett, treasurer of the Keith paper Company, made quite a lengthy address, and presented very taking arguments to support the contention that both the library and high school buildings should be placed on the large lot donated by the Turners Falls Company, on the commanding bluff on High Street. He argued that inasmuch as the Turners Falls Company had begun to create more power to sell, they must sell it to get a profit on their investment, and therefore an increase in population was assured. Every inch of land of the Avenue would be demanded by business blocks in the future, and therefore it would not be wise to put a public building of the character of either the school or library there. The sightliness[sic] of the location, ease of access, and the surroundings all made the selection of the High Street location seem to him the most desirable.

W.H.P. Gilmore and others spoke favorably of the location, while Fred Allen and Dr. Nims took opposite views believing that we should build for the conditions of to-day, and let to-morrow take care of itself. However, after much had been said, the general feeling was that the new high school should be placed on the donated lot, but a few were not quite reconciled to the idea of putting the library building so far from the centre of business. All were glad that the subject could be freely discussed, and a wish was expressed to have the whole matter passed upon by the voters assembled in a special meeting for the purpose.

While some had good reasons for advocating a particular site, believing it to be the best in view of future growth, everybody will be perfectly satisfied to have the buildings put just where the voters want them, whether it be on the Avenue, opposite some man's store, on High Street, or Pleasant Plain. Not a few remember that there are numberless instances where libraries put in wrong places have caused more strife among the people and resulted in more harm than all the books ever circulated did good. As a nearby example, Greenfield was given a library building by Governor Washburn. This has been a red rag to all West Enders ever since, and two libraries have been maintained to salve the feelings of both East Enders and West Enders.

A lot of Carnegie libraries have met with similar fates, and men who never put their feet inside of library buildings go into spasms when it comes to the question of locating them. That is why men who have the best interests of Turners Falls at heart desire to have the local question discussed as fully as may be so that when the time does come to make a choice, if a blunder is made, by any error in judgment all will be content to leave it to the next generation for rectification.

September 23

The Special Town Meeting

There was not an overflowing meeting last night to dispose of libraries, school houses, sites, and so forth, but those there carried their opinions.

John E. Kavanaugh of Millers Falls was chosen moderator. The main object of the assemblage was to reject the high school location, generously given by the Turners Falls Company and this they did, 150 to 1.

As anticipated the question of the *location* of the new high school and library caused a swarm of discussion, and it was very evident that the recommendation of the two committees on the sites were not favorably regarded by the majority of the voters present.

Nobody from Turners Falls discouraged the proposition that a school house should be built, but E.M. Alden of Montague doubtless voiced the opinion of many from that end of the town in his doubt as to the need or expediency of building a new school for Turners Falls His opinions were clearly not popular with Turners Falls people and his motion that the matter be again referred to the committee for more thorough investigation and that they report at the next annual town meeting, was promptly downed.

Turners Falls people wanted the high school and were bound to have it. That much was certain. They didn't care particularly where the school was located but the question of locating the library on High Street, caused a clash of arms.

Mr. Burnett, chairman of the committee on the high school, made an eloquent address, stating his reasons and those of the committee for recommendation of the High Street site. He made a logical, cogent statement of facts at present and of his belief in the

growth of the town, and the wisdom of accepting the munificent offer of the Turners Falls Company. The address was certainly admirable, clearly and succinctly thought out, and was thoroughly convincing to many. It was unmistakable, however, that only the minority of those present shared his views and that the majority regarded them as visionary and not practical.

The committee exhibited a fine charcoal sketch prepared by E.C. Gardner of Springfield showing the possibilities of the proposed public building park if the committee's suggestions were carried out. It was undeniable that no other location in town afforded such possibilities, but present day utility ruled the meeting.

Mr. Gilmore presented the library committee's report and went into detail about the matter. Dr. A. J. Nims spoke in opposition to the High Street site for the library. The site was well enough for the high school but he objected very strongly to putting the library in such an out of the way place, and declared if placed on High Street it would speedily become moss grown. He presented all the arguments the opposition could muster and did it so tellingly and pointedly that he carried the meeting with him. The frequent vociferous applause went to show that he voiced the sentiment of the majority. Rev. F.N. Merriam also spoke in opposition, and the High Street site for the library was emphatically rejected.

The meeting did not dissolve until about midnight and there was no dullness about the affair from the time of the opening gun until the last shot was fired.

When it was understood that the Turners Falls Company gives land for public buildings, all together, there was considerable doubt what to do, and there was backing and filling, motions and amendments, the passing of articles after they had been acted upon, and enough tangling of ideas and purposes to keep a firm of Philadelphia lawyers busy for the next quarter of a century.

One thing was decided however, and that was thank Mr. Carnegie for his gift, whether they get a place to put it or not, another thing was the construction of a high school, somewhere yet to be decided upon, and the following was the voters.

Voted that the present committee, Joseph F. Bartlett, Daniel F. Daly, Frank Gerald, Charles M. Burnett and Dorr A. Hudson, be and hereby are retained to see that a suitable high school building for the town of Montague is constructed and all parts of the work properly done.

Voted that the selectmen be instructed to construct a high school building at Turners Falls, not to exceed in cost \$50,000 and that the treasurer be authorized to issue the notes of the town, countersigned by the selectmen, for this amount payable as follows: \$3,500 each in the years 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907; \$4,000 each in years 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911; \$4,500 each in the years 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915.

1904

January 6

[Avenue 'A' Site for the Carnegie Library](#)

A rather small company of voters attended the special town meeting held at Hibernian Hall last night and finally disposed of the mooted Carnegie library site question, about which so much has been heard pro and con.

Dr. A. J. Nims was chosen Moderator.

The library committee recommended the lot owned by Thomas D. Murphy on the corner of Prospect and Seventh streets as the site for the library, but the preference of the voters seemed to be for a lot on the Avenue. The Murphy lot might have been selected, nevertheless, had there not come up a question about the price. As it was, the lot owned by the Turners Falls Company, on the southeast corner of Avenue A and Seventh Street, opposite the present library, was chosen.

The votes passed were as follows:

Voted. That the Library Committee be and hereby are instructed to purchase a lot on which to build the Carnegie Library on the southeast corner of Avenue A and Seventh Street, and that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$4000, and to issue notes of the town for the same, the said notes to be paid as follows, viz:

\$1000 Nov.1, 1904; \$1000 Nov. 1, 1905; \$1000 Nov. 1, 1906;
\$1000 Nov. 1, 1907, for the purpose of carrying out this vote.

Voted. That the present committee, W.H.P. Gilmore, C.M. Burnett and C.W. Schuler, be and hereby are instructed to make all necessary arrangements with Mr. Andrew Carnegie and contractors toward the completion of the building.

Mr. Burnett declined to serve further on this committee, and so Norman P. Farwell was elected to fill the vacancy.

January 20

-The selection of the Avenue 'A' site for the Carnegie Library seems to meet the full approval of the majority of local people, and the next thing to engage the attention of the public is the building to place thereon. Architects numerous have already been on the field and plans will be shortly submitted to the committee.

February 10

-The building committee of the Carnegie Library will receive plans from architects up to the 12th, the time having been extended for the accommodation of some architects who wish to compete.

March 30

-The Carnegie Library committee have[sic] received from the Turners Falls Company a deed for the corner lot on Avenue 'A' and Seventh Street, on which the library is to be erected. The contracts are to be let soon and the work of building will be commenced as soon as possible.

April 6

Turners Falls Locals

-The committee on the new Carnegie library have[sic] selected their architects, McLean & Wright of Boston, whose plans will be ready in a few days.

April 13

Carnegie Library

-The building committee for the new Carnegie library have[sic] selected for their architects Messrs. McLean & Wright of Boston. A brief description of the building may be of interest.

The entire width of the building including bays is 69 feet on Avenue 'A' and 50 feet on 7th Street, with a height of nearly 40 feet from the sidewalk, to be built of light gray Roman pressed brick, the base and steps cut granite, the watertables,[sic] columns, pilasters¹ and other trimmings of terra-cotta to match the brick in color, with a slate roof.

The building will front on Avenue 'A' standing back from the sidewalk about 35 feet. In approaching the building one ascends five granite steps, entering a vestibule finished in oak with a mosaic floor. A staircase of four marble steps takes one to the general reading room, 18x24 feet and one on the right a children's room of the same size, giving a seating capacity in each room of between 30 and 40 and shelving accommodation for about 1000 books each.

In the rear of the children's room is a librarian's and trustee's room 10x12 feet. Back of the delivery counter is the stack room 30x30 feet; this room is 15 feet high accommodating two stack stories of 7½ feet each holding 12,000[sic] volumes for each stack story.

All the rooms on the first floor are to be finished in oak. While the different compartments are designated as rooms, the three principal rooms are really all thrown together by broad open archways so that any change in methods or administration needed in the future can be made.

In the vestibule there is a broad stairway leading to the lecture hall and museum on the second floor. This hall will accommodate an audience of about 200, besides furnishing a receptacle for fossil foot prints and other fossils found in this vicinity, also Indian arrow-heads and other articles that are of local and historical interest.

The committee wish[sic] to solicit the cooperation of all citizens of the town in the collection and preserving of specimens of this kind that they may be kept here and suitably

¹ A vertical structural part of a building that projects partway from a wall and is made to resemble an ornamental column by adding a base and capital

arranged and classified so that they will be of lasting benefit to the generations that are to come after us. The committee will gladly accept or even purchase any good specimens of fossil fish or ferns that are found in the rock now being taken from the canal excavations, and they trust that whoever finds any such will have pride enough in their own town to see that they are retained here and deposited in this museum for the benefit of the public, instead of allowing them to be scattered or sent away.

The committee also solicit loan collections of any kind or curios of local historical interest. They hope with the co-operation and assistance of the citizens of the town to make this a very interesting and instructive adjunct to the library.

The basement story of the building is to be so arranged as to accommodate the future growth of the library providing additional reading and book rooms as may be required.

-The Reporter was quite willing to go to the expense of printing a suitable engraving of the new library building, but the photograph promised never reached this office, owing to somebody's thoughtlessness, monkey business, or whatever it was. The outside papers will supply all the illustrations, probably.

May 18

-From the bids received by contractors for the new Carnegie Library, it seems that Mr. Carnegie's \$12,000 gift will not be sufficient to build an adequate library such as the committee have[sic] planned. The town, therefore, is to be called upon to furnish a sufficient additional sum to finish and furnish the library. An article has been inserted in the warrant for the special town meeting, the 26th, for an appropriation for the above purpose.

June 1

[Contract For Carnegie Library Work](#)

The contract for the Carnegie library building has been let to Thomas Brothers of this town, who has also the contract for the new High school. The fact that both of these important contracts have been let to a local contractor is very gratifying to all the people of the town. There will be plenty of work this summer for all inclined that way. C.N. Tyler has the contract for the wood work.

[Special Town Meeting](#)

At the special town meeting held at Colle's opera house last Thursday evening, M.E. Alden was chosen moderator and the business was disposed of as follows:

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise a sufficient sum to finish and furnish the proposed Carnegie Library and make appropriation for the same by issuing the notes or script of the town or otherwise.

Carnegie Library - Turners Falls, Massachusetts

Voted that the town treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of three thousand, (\$3000) dollars, for the purpose of finishing and furnishing the proposed library building, and to issue notes of the town for the same, said notes to be paid as follows, viz.: \$1000, Nov.1, 1908; \$1000, Nov.1, 1909; \$1000, Nov. 1, 1910; interest not to exceed 4% per annum.

June 29

-Thomas Brothers, contractors for the new Carnegie Library, have begun putting in the foundation. There has been a delay on account of the architects not having their detail plans ready for the manufacturer of the terra cotta that is to be used in trimming.

July 6

-Patrick Cunningham has begun in earnest on the stone work for the new library building on the Avenue. The walls are beginning to make considerable showing already.

September 7

-Foreman Patrick Cunningham is getting the derrick ready to place the great dressed stones in position on the library foundations. Work has been delayed on the structure by the non arrival of material.

November 9

-The library building has been delayed on account of the non-arrival of lumber, but is now taking a start again.

December 7

-The roof is being put on the new Carnegie library.

1905

March 15

The Town Business Meeting

Art. 40 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for town debts and expenses, and make appropriation of the same.

It was voted to reappropriate[sic] the sum of \$2045.39 balance unexpended in the construction of the Carnegie Library.

April 19

[To Meet Mr. Carnegie](#)

Through the courtesy of Mr. George W. Cable, a most cordial invitation was extended to the library trustees and to the citizens of Turners Falls, to meet Mr. Andrew Carnegie at the dedication ceremonies of the Home Culture Club of Northampton.

The doors of the club were supposed to be locked until after the little silver key, enclosed in a beautifully carved casket, had been formally presented to Mr. Carnegie, but a side door was mysteriously opened for the Turners Falls party of ten to enter. Thus they had the privilege of going through the entire building before the public at large was admitted.

Just as they rejoined the waiting crowd in the street, the carriage bearing Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie drove up to the main entrance of the club. As they alighted, hearty cheers went up from the people for the great philanthropist.

While the honored guests held a public reception in the parlors of the club, the Turners Falls delegation were taken to Lyman Hall, where the library, gymnasium and reading rooms of the club are located, also a very unique reception room and it was to the latter room the party were finally conducted there to await the arrival of Mr. Cable and his magnanimous guest.

Mr. W.H.P. Gilmore was presented to Mr. Carnegie and in behalf of the library trustees and citizens of his town, thanked Mr. Carnegie for his generous gift of a library in very befitting words. Then Mr. Carnegie, conducted by Mr. Gilmore, went around the circle shaking the hand of each delegate, namely Mrs. W.H.P. Gilmore, Mr. Porter Farwell, Mr. D.P. Abercrombie, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Starbuck, Mr. Norman Farwell, Mrs. William Arthur Pollock, Mr. Myron Allen, Mr. Henry Bardwell and Mrs. Stebbins of Old Deerfield.

Mr. Carnegie impressed everyone by his happy, genial countenance and although his beard and hair are white not a wrinkle could be seen on his placid brow.

After the reception, Mr. Irwin kindly piloted the party over the campus of Smith College. Here and there were seen spring beauties nodding their heads in approval of God's glorious day. Everything seemed to wear holiday attire.

The day will long be remembered as a red letter day by those who had the good fortune to be present.

May 3

-The contractor for doing the wood work on the Carnegie Library has resumed work, after waiting for some time.

August 30

-The Carnegie Library is now almost completed, the finishing touches being added.

September 27

-Mosaic floors are now being laid in the Carnegie Library and the marble steps being built.

October 25

-The Carnegie Library is at length nearing completion. The interior is now nearly done.

November 1

-A new piano has been purchased by subscription and placed in the hall of the new Carnegie Library.

1906

February 7

Gift to the New Library

The Carnegie Public Library has been materially enriched the past week, by the gift of seven pieces of artistic statuary, which do much to adorn the beautiful new building and will serve as the nucleus for many more works of art which it is hoped the interest and pride of the citizens of the town will induce them to contribute.

Two pieces of statuary, one a bust of Minerva² and the other, Diana Robing,³ are the gift of the members of the Monday Afternoon Club and the Fortnightly club. These two pieces occupy the niches in the vestibule. The five other pieces are busts of Washington, Longfellow, Dickens, Washington Irving and Shakespeare, and have been placed in various parts of the building. These pieces were purchased with funds of the Young People's Social Club. This was a club that flourished in the early 80's and was composed of the then young people of this town.

The club was very flourishing in its time and occupied quarters in Colle's Block where the old library quarters were once located. Albert R. Smith was its last treasurer. In

² Minerva was the Roman goddess of wisdom and sponsor of arts, trade, and strategy. She was born with weapons from the head of Jupiter. After impregnating the titaness Metis Jupiter recalled a prophecy that his own child would overthrow him. Fearing that their child would grow stronger than him and rule the Heavens in his place, Jupiter swallowed Metis whole. The titaness forged weapons and armor for her child while within the father-god, and the constant pounding and ringing gave him a headache. To relieve the pain, Vulcan used a hammer to split Jupiter's head and, from the cleft, Minerva emerged, whole, adult, and bearing her mother's weapons and armor. From the 2nd century BC onwards, the Romans equated her with the Greek goddess Athena. She was the virgin goddess of music, poetry, medicine, wisdom, commerce, weaving, crafts, and magic. She is often depicted with her sacred creature, an owl usually named as the "owl of Minerva" which symbolizes that she is connected to wisdom.

³ Goddess Diana Robing, In Roman mythology, Diana was the goddess of the hunt, and later became a moon goddess. Today, she is considered by some a symbol of imagination, sensibility, and creativity.

1883 the club gave an entertainment, purposing to use the proceeds for starting a public reading room in connection with the library. The reading room plan did not materialize, however, but the \$30 net proceeds from the entertainment were placed in the savings bank, where the sum has lain all these years, quietly growing, till now it has reached the sum of \$72.72.

After all this time, the library and reading room is a substantial reality, so the old members of the club decided that the money raised so long ago should be devoted to the original object. Forty dollars was therefore expended for the five busts and the balance of the money will be used in purchasing worthy pictures for the library. It is a source of satisfaction to all public spirited citizens to see the pleasure and interest that has awakened in making the new building and it's interior and exterior as attractive as possible. The trustees will welcome all appropriate gifts.

-The vicious little vagabonds of the village have begun to disfigure the new Carnegie Library already. The trustees offer a reward of \$10 for the conviction of any persons found daubing or injuring building.

March 14

[The Town's Business Meeting](#) [One Article \(27\) concerning the Carnegie Library.](#) *e.g.*

Article 27, to see if the town would build suitable approaches to the Carnegie Library building was laid on the table until a report is made by the building committee.

The following sums were appropriated:

Carnegie Library Note	\$1,000.00
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[Andrew Carnegie Gives Another \\$1000 for Our New Library](#)

N.P. Farwell, secretary of the building committee of the new Carnegie Library building, was made happy yesterday by the receipt of a letter from Joseph Bertram, private secretary for Andrew Carnegie, the munificent, of New York, which reads as follows:

New York, March 12,

Dear Sir;

Responding to yours of February 28th and other letters with regard to the Turners Falls Library, Mr. Carnegie will be glad to increase the amount allowed for Library building from \$12,500 to \$13,500, provided Councils guarantee a corresponding increased maintenance fund.

This gift of an additional \$1000 from Mr. Carnegie is the result of Mr. Farwell's energetic presentation of the facts about the building to the giver. Mr. Farwell wrote, telling what the building committee had done, also what the town had done for the building and sent all the figures bearing upon the case, stating that owing to the site on which the library

was built, \$1000 would be needed to grade the grounds and put them in good shape. Mr. Carnegie evidently saw the point, and his donation will be just what was needed.

Unfortunately this letter did not arrive till the day after the town meeting. Had it arrived the day before it would have put the library building committee in a different light to most of the voters, for at the town meeting, Monday, the article which asked for an appropriation for grading the grounds was passed and the building committee came in for a good share of criticism for not making a report. The building committee say that they could not very well report, as the last payment from the Carnegie fund was received only a few days ago, that many bills remain to be paid from this fund, and that while, by agreement with the contractor, they are occupying the building, it is not fully completed, is that an adequate report could be presented.

But Mr. Carnegie seems to be "all right" as the boys say, and this further donation is received with thanks.

March 28

-A little party of women came over from Greenfield the other day to inspect the new Carnegie Library. "It's beautiful," said one, "it's lovely," said another, "it's delightful," said a third. "What a pity," said the fourth, "it isn't over in Greenfield where it would be appreciated." Oh dear!

April 11

-The total circulation of books in the Carnegie Library for the month of March was 2708, against 2125 for the month of February. About two-thirds of this number are juvenile books.

-A set of pictures, "Birds and Beasts" have been loaned to the Carnegie Library by the Women's Educational Association of Boston, and can now be seen at the library. Nature lovers will be glad to study these pictures.

April 25

-The Western Massachusetts Library Club will hold an open meeting in the Carnegie Library building at Turners Falls about My 15, the precise date not yet being fixed. Librarian Fletcher of Amherst College and Principal Russell of the Worcester Normal School are expected to be speakers.

May 23

The Western Massachusetts Library Club Will Hold its Annual Meeting in the Carnegie Public Library, Turners Falls, June 4, 1906

Program, 11 a.m.

Welcome. Mr. W.H.P. Gilmore, Chairman, Board of Trustees
Annual Reports of Secretary and Treasurer.

Business Methods in the Library,

Discussion opened by Mr. H.H. Ballard, Miss Mabel Temple and

others.

Ideals in Library Work, Mr. Frank G. Wilcox, Librarian, Public Library, Holyoke.

What's The Use? Miss Anna G. Rockwell, Librarian, New Britain, Conn.

1 p.m.

Lunch at Hotel Vladish

2.45 p.m.

Business: Election of Officers.

The Public Library the Public's Opportunity. Mr. W.L. Fletcher, Librarian,
Amherst College.

The Quality of literature. Mr. E.H. Russell, Principal, State Normal School,
Worcester.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these meetings.

June 6

Turners Falls Entertains Librarians

The eighth annual meeting of the Western Massachusetts Library Club was held at the Carnegie Library on Monday, and was one of the most successful in the history of the society. The day was ideal, the program of great interest and profit and the visitors took pleasure in inspecting the new and pretty library building. There was a large attendance, many different town being represented.

The meeting was opened by W. H. P. Gilmore, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the local library, who made the address of welcome in a happy vein. Miss Edna Shepard sang two songs in her usual delightful manner.

Under "Business Methods in the Library," H. H. Ballard of Pittsfield spoke on the necessity of the card catalog. "No one nowadays can question its advantages" he said. "A few of the principal objections raised are that with the card catalog you can have only one copy; in case of fire you have no duplicate; your patrons cannot have a copy to take home, and that old reason, the difficulty of borrowers in using it. To offset these disadvantages a periodical bulletin can be printed, giving occasions, and if these be printed from the beginning it makes a complete catalog for your library. By far one of the greatest advantages is its elasticity."

Mrs. H.B. Johnson of the Connecticut Library Committee gave some valuable hints from her experiences among the smaller libraries of the state and Mr. Hine of the same committee also spoke about the card catalog.

The last speaker of the day was W.I. Fletcher, Librarian of Amherst College, on "The Public Library's Opportunity." The keynote of this talk was the word "opportunity." It ended with a charge to the people and a charge to the administration of the library. A vote of thanks was extended to the people of Turners Falls for their hospitality.

June 27

Special Town Meeting

-The gift of \$1000 from Andrew Carnegie in addition to the sum he had already contributed, for the purpose of finishing the library and grading the grounds, was accepted 50 to 15.

-It is poor policy for any section of a town to have a "champion" to be lugged around like a prize fighting dog, always looking for a scrap with another section, on general principals.

At the town meeting the other day, the feeling was quite general that the Montague town champion in the chair was a little bit over anxious, and when he broke the gavel in trying to call Mr. Dustin to order, the absurdity of the sic-him business dawned on the people as it never did before.

The gift of Mr. Carnegie entailed no outlay of extra money from the tax-payers, and the more an attempt was made to juggle with the plain fact the more the truth was appreciated. At one time the voters stood about even, but when the humbug was explained by Mr. Dustin, only a few stood up to be counted against taking an absolute gift for the assistance of the public library.

July 25

-Miss Anna O. Batson, librarian of the Carnegie Library, is attending the summer school of library work at Northampton.

August 8

-The circulation of books at the public library during the month of July was 1242. There has been a dropping off of some of the younger readers during the summer vacation but the general circulation has been unusually good.

August 15

-The Athol *Transcript*, in its issue of last week, had a stirring editorial pointing out the folly of the town of Athol in refusing to accept a Carnegie Library. The

editor, who had visited our library, drew a glowing picture of the difference between Turners Falls' fine building and the inadequate and anything but "point with pride" quarters occupied by the library of Athol. Which is a town much greater than this. It will be remembered that the generous Scotchman offered to give Athol a library, but that the town rejected the proposition.

October 17

Library Notes

A beautiful carbon picture of the "Castle of St. Angelo and Tiber River" showing the dome of St. Peter's, Rome, has been hung in the reading room. The picture frame measures about four by five feet, and is the gift of the Young People's Social Club, the same that presented the large busts of Washington, Longfellow, Dickens, Shakespeare and Irving, several months ago.

Mrs. L.E. Fales has presented the library with Harper's Monthly magazines, for about fifteen years beginning with 1881; "Century" from 1893 and "North American Review" from 1880, together with thirty or forty other odd magazines.

An exhibit of hand colored photographs is being shown at the library this week. These pictures are not a circulating collection, but are a special loan from the Forbes Library of Northampton, obtained by our librarian. The photographs are of New England wild flowers. Any one[sic] interested either in photography or nature study, will be charmed with these pictures. A cordial invitation is extended to all to examine them.

Miss Ellen Sullivan has presented several copies of the "Island Printer". These magazines are beautifully illustrated and are a valuable acquisition to the library.

Mrs. N.B. Hall has presented a book entitled "The San Francisco Earthquake and Calamity," giving an interesting account of the great disaster.

Mrs. D.P. Abercrombie has presented a year's subscription to "Country Life in America," a new and beautiful magazine.

Dr. A. J. Nims has donated a year's subscription to "The Independent".

The first gift for the museum and Historical Room was presented by W.D. Russell, in the shape of an Indian pestle, which was found while excavating for the new power house.

All of the above gifts are acknowledged with thanks by the trustees and librarian and will be highly appreciated by the public.

October 24

Library Notes

The Springfield City Library have kindly sent our library the "Annual Literary Index," complete volumes from 1894 to 1900; several volumes from 1900 to 1905, and 1905 complete and 1906 up to date.

The "Annual Index" gives a complete index of all the articles that appear in all leading magazines, and until it is possible for the library to purchase a "Pooles Index,"⁴ these volumes are of great value to the patrons of the library. They have also presented six volumes containing the reports of the American Library Association.

An interested friend has presented the library with the following juvenile books; Joe Lambert's Ferry, by George Cary Eggleston; Wonder Stories for Science, by D.M. Beach; The Boys of '61, by C.C. Coffin; Knockabout Club in North America, by F.A. Ober; My Days and Nights on the Battlefield, by C.C. Coffin; One Hundred Famous American, by Helen A. Smith; Story Time for 1890. This gift is very much appreciated, as they are a class of books there is a great demand for by the young patrons of the library.

The attendance of our Librarian to the "Summer School for Librarians" that was held at Northampton during July and August, has resulted in many benefits to our library, with the probability of many more to come; the beautiful set of colored photographs (110 in number) of the Wild Flowers of New England exhibited last week, was the finest collection of pictures of the kind ever shown in this vicinity.

These pictures were a special loan from the Forbes Library and was one of the direct results of getting in touch with the Summer School. Another and greater benefit to the patrons of our library has been the privilege of borrowing scientific and other valuable books from the "Inter library Loan Association." It is impossible for a small library to buy many of the more valuable books, but through this association any desired book can be loaned, for a limited time, by paying the express or mail charges. This does not include fiction, juvenile and the lighter class of reading.

A country community, as a rule, does not appreciate what can be done for its people through the medium of the Public Library, and many do not appreciate what they have got, until their attention is called to it from some outside source. A few months ago a gentleman called on the Librarian of one of the largest libraries in Western Massachusetts, desiring to get his ideas about building a library building in a town of about 7000

⁴ *Poole's Index to Periodical Literature* is the first and only systematic article level index to the subject matter of 19th century periodicals. Originally published in six volumes between 1882 and 1908, the Index began in 1848 as the project of Yale student, William Frederick Poole. Poole observed that libraries hold collections of periodicals which receive little use because their content is not known. Through the application of subject indexing, Poole was able to dramatically increase access to periodical literature, greatly facilitating the research process. In 1876, Poole was approached by the American Library Association, and persuaded to produce a new edition of his index, with the assistance William Fletcher, Librarian of Amherst College, and the library community in North America and the UK. When the final volume was released in 1908, the Index had covered 482,000 articles and 378,000 subjects in 12,241 volumes of 479 British and American periodicals for the years 1802-1906.

inhabitants, to cost about \$25000. The librarian told the gentleman if he would take the train and go to Turners Falls he could *see* an *ideal* building of the kind for himself. He did so and was well satisfied. This is the opinion of a man that has had many years experiences in library work.

November 14

Library Notes

There is considerable interest shown in the complete file of the Turners Falls Reporter at the library which was given by B.W. Mayo, as it contains a very complete history of the village and town since 1871.⁵ It is a valuable acquisition to the library, and hardly a week passes but it is consulted by the patrons, in search of some fact connected with the history of the village.

It is very interesting to read the controversies that R.N. Oakman and Rev. L.P. Frost used to have, and in the early seventies the wise sayings of Charley Miner's favorite mule. Right here is another opportunity to be loyal to the things that we already have. We frequently hear people say "there is no news in the Reporter." If it is not newsy, it is up to the people to make it so, by sending in their contributions to its columns, not for getting at the same time to send in their subscriptions. We have found the columns of the Reporter always open to any items of news articles of interest to the public.

Two beautiful photo-mezzotints have been hung in the library rooms this week, one of Amiens Cathedral of France, and the other of Litchfield Cathedral of England. They are the joint gift of J.F. Bartlett, H.M. Harlow and W.H.P. Gilmore. Let the good work go on.

"That is a good book which is opened with expectation and closed with a profit."

—A. Bronson Abbott

"Books are the legacies that a great genius leaves to mankind."

—Addison

"Book love, my friends, is your pass to the greatest, the purest, and the most perfect pleasure that God has prepared for his creatures. It will last when all other pleasures fade. It will support you when all other recreations are gone. —Trollope

November 28

Library Notes

The library has received a ten volume edition of "Green's History of the English People." This is a new and revised edition and a standard work.

An interested friend has presented several volumes of the late fiction.

Thanksgiving is here and Christmas in only a month away. People are thinking what they can give for Christmas presents that will do the most good; the suggestion of a young

⁵ This archive is precisely the one I'm using to write this chronicle. *e.g.*

miss in town was a good one, when she asked her mother if she could not give the library a subscription to the "Youth's Companion" for 1907. That is an idea that would add to the happiness of many of the young patrons of the library, and one worthy of emulation.

The library needs more periodicals and magazines than they have been able to have this year. Any contributions in this line will be highly appreciated. Another suggestion; anyone taking periodicals or magazines (that are not subscribed for by the library,) that does not care to preserve them, can be used to great advantage at the library and will be thankfully received by the librarian and acknowledgement made of same.

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees will be held Monday, December 3, at three o'clock.

December 5

Library Notes

Friday is usually considered a dull day at the library, but there were one hundred people in the library last Friday evening, a good showing.

"God be thanked for books. They are the true levelers. They give to all who will faithfully use them, the society, the spiritual presence of the best and greatest of our race. No matter how poor I am, no matter though the prosperous of my own time will not enter my obscure dwelling, if the sacred writers will enter and take up their abode under my roof."

William Ellery Channing.

December 26

Gifts to Communities

In all its existence as a happy and contented and measurably successful community, the town of Montague has been poorly remembered by her children.

The library given by Mr. Carnegie did not mean anything. Mr. Carnegie had no interest in Turners Falls, and gave a library to the town simply because it was a habit with him to get rid of his enormous profits, taken from the pockets of the people.

Anybody could get a library, with a string to it, simply for the asking, just as the man with a new bag of peanuts isn't satisfied until he passed it around among the crowd. We have a peanut from Mr. Carnegie's bag and are quite satisfied with it.

The only other gifts to worthy objects in town, known to the oldest and youngest inhabitant, were the files of the Turners Falls Reporter to the library by B.W. Mayo, the \$5000 gift to the Montague Orthodox church by Mr. Clinton Clapp, and the generous contributions of Mr. B.N. Farren, establishing the best hospital in the county will see in fifty years, probably, a magnificent French Catholic church, a parochial school, and much in like direction. When we have said so much we have exhausted the list of benefactors.

The gift of Mr. Mayo was priceless, inasmuch as it furnished the history of Turners Falls in the minutest detail from the start to the present time. It tells a story that no one else can tell, and with a constantly changing population, not even a tradition would be left for the lips of coming generations. In money value, it represented a couple of hundred dollars, to say nothing of the care and watchfulness needed to keep every copy of a village paper for thirty five years. The coming generations will bless Mr. Mayo's memory and feel appreciation for his thoughtful care. No one of a future generation will have a quarrel with the editor and publisher, so long as the history is there.

1907

January 9

What the Selectmen are Doing

The special town meeting is called to enable the Selectmen to pay the bills of some departments that have not money enough to pay for bill contracted. The By-Laws forbid the officers of the town to overdraw any account. It has been more or less of a custom to overdraw accounts and depend on the good will of the voters to sanction the action of the officers, later.

As matters stand to date, all departments will show a balance, except the Trustees of Public Library, Board of Health and Upper Suspension Bridge. The amounts needed to carry them through the year are about \$300 for Library, \$500 for Board of Health and \$500 for Suspension Bridge. The Trustees of Public Library are short because they were not familiar with the cost of running the Carnegie Library, so in trying to keep the appropriation down they fell short on their allotment, about \$300.

March 6,

Town Meeting - Officers elected:

Trustees of Library for 3 years -Anna O. Batson, Fanny Chenery,

Nellie P. Fitzgerald, Charles M. Burnett

-Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Galbraith of New York have presented the Carnegie Library with two handsome tapestries, five by seven feet, with hand-painted plaques in the center.

The tapestries have been hung in the two reading rooms of the library. One tapestry represents Thurman's "Whisperings of Love," and the other "The Awakening of Love," also by Thurman.

These tapestries are distinct ornaments to the reading rooms and are much appreciated gifts.

Carnegie Library - Turners Falls, Massachusetts

-The winter meeting of the Western Mass. Library Club is to be held at the Westfield Athenaeum. March 13th. Because of this meeting of librarians, the Carnegie Library will be open Thursday afternoon, March 13th, instead of Wednesday, the 13th.

March 13

[Annual Town Meeting](#)

Art. 10. Voted that the sum of twenty four hundred (\$2400.00) dollars be raised by taxation and appropriated for the town libraries, said sum to be divided as follows:

Carnegie branch - \$1500 Montague branch - \$500 Millers Falls branch - \$400

And that the proceeds from the Dog Fund be[sic] divided as follows:

One-half to Carnegie branch, one-fourth to Montague branch and one-fourth to Millers Falls branch.

Art. 41. Voted that the following sums of money be raised by taxation and appropriated for the several objects and purposes:

Those relevant to the Carnegie Library are shown. e.g.

Interest School and Library Notes/Bonds \$1750. Carnegie Library Note \$1000.

April 10

-A new and very fine collection of pictures of Greece are now on exhibition at the public library.

May 8

The ledge near the Carnegie Library is being blasted out in order that the grading of the grounds may be completed on that side. A sidewalk and curbing will be laid.

May 15

-The Carnegie Library has received 17 new books.

-A map of the United States, measuring five by seven feet, furnished by the government, has been placed in the Carnegie Library hall for use of the public.

-There has recently been presented to the Carnegie Library by the Comstock Brothers, the enlarged panoramic photograph of the big log jam at the Narrows several years ago, taken by C.W. Berry, formerly photographer here.

May 29

-The Carnegie Library received 16 new books this week. Thirteen books were replaced.

July 17

-Miss Anna O. Batson, librarian of the Carnegie Library, is taking her vacation. Miss Edna Koonz, assistant librarian, is in charge during Miss Batson's absence.

July 24

-A granite curbing has been laid around the Carnegie Library side-walk, and the concrete walk will soon be put in.

August 14

-The Carnegie Library has received fourteen new books in the fiction category and seven in the juvenile category.

October 16

-The floors of the public library are being dressed over and on that account the library will be closed until Thursday.

October 30

[New Books at Carnegie Library](#)

Forty-nine new volumes have been added to the stacks of the Carnegie Public Library and the patrons will appreciate these additions. Of those, ten volumes are the Lectures of Burton Holmes and eight volumes comprise "Our Country".

November 13

There have been a number of valuable and interesting books and magazines added to the library recently.

The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

Burton Holmes' Travelogues

Benjamin J. Lossing's "History of the United States"

A year's subscription to the following magazines:

"The Craftsman"; "International Art Studio"

November 28

[Library Notes](#)

The interest and patronage of the library is increasing as is shown by the number of books taken out in the month of October, 1906. With more money and more books we could probably double our present circulation.

There is a loud call for new books and we should have duplicates and in some cases three copies of some of the books that are in the greatest demand, but with our present

limited means and the large number of standard books that are needed it is difficult to furnish more than one copy for the present.

If people are weary and fagged out after a hard day's work, the library offers a delightful, wholesome and refreshing recreation. Some believe the library rests the weary, liberalizes the bigot, assists the learned, educates[sic] the youth, Americanizes the foreigner makes the poor richer, the rich better and everybody happier.

1908

January 6

Books Added to the Public Library During November and December, 1907

Seventy-seven new books are now available at the Carnegie Library.

Travel - 13 History - 4 Fiction - 21 Juvenile - 28 Misc. - 11

March 11

Town Business Meeting

\$2400 was raised for the town libraries as follows: Turners Falls branch, \$1500 and half the dog fund. Montague branch, \$500 and quarter of the dog fund. Millers Falls branch, \$400 and quarter of dog fund.

March 18

-Rehearsals are under way for the production of the famous comic opera, "Pinafore," for the benefit of the Turners Falls library. The parts will all be taken by local talent and there will be a large chorus. As Turners Falls has a enviable number of fine voices an excellent production is expected. If all interested take hold of this venture, with a strong pull a long pull and a pull altogether, there is no doubt but the library will gain a handsome sum thereby.

The Library Trustees have appointed the following committee to have charge of the affair: A.R. Smith, C.H. Jillson, Frederick Edwards, Mrs. Grace Briggs, Miss Marie J. Strahan.

It is planned to put on the opera some time during the latter part of April or early part of May.

April 1

Library Notes

The Carnegie Library has received a very desirable gift from Mr. A.W. Esleek, being the complete historical works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, in 39 quarto volumes. Mr. Bancroft was born in Granville, Ohio in 1832. He collected a library of 60,000 volumes,

tracts and manuscripts, pertaining to the early history of the Pacific Coast, (which included the purchase of the collection of Mr. Squier and Emperor Maximilian,) on which he founded this history.

Mr. Esleeck has the thanks of the trustees, as well as the public, for this valuable acquisition to our library.

May 27

-The public library will not be open either afternoon or evening on Memorial Day.

June 3

-Books added to the public library as of May, 1908:

Fiction - 10 Juvenile - 5 Travel - 7

June 24

[Books Added to Public Library in June, 1908](#)

Twenty- one new books of various subjects were added to the Carnegie Public Library stacks in June.

August 12

-Miss Pierce, librarian at Deerfield, with a party of friends, visited the Carnegie library this week.

September 9

-Books Added to the Public Library during July and August, 1908.

Fiction - 22 Juvenile - 58 History - 2 Miscellaneous - 3 Books Replaced - 12

September 23

[Library Notes](#)

Horse and Cattle Owners Attention

Attention is called of the owners of horses and cattle, to the new by-laws of the town of Montague, imposing a fine of \$20.00 for allowing any horse or other animal to run loose. On several occasions horses have done great damage to the lawn in front of the Carnegie Library. Owners of horses and cows are cautioned that complaint will be made and the fine imposed if these animals are allowed to run at large.

The new Turner-Brown picture of "Sir Galahad," the gift of Harold H. Ray, occupies a prominent position in the Children's reading room in the library. The thanks of the trustees are extended to the donor for this beautiful addition.

November 4

-Many of the dilapidated books at the public library are now being rebound by a Chicago firm who has a representative on the ground.

December 16

Library Notes

Mrs. B.W. Mayo has presented to the library, a file of "Harper's Illustrated Weekly" for the years 1859 to 1865 inclusive. This is a valuable addition to the library as it includes the period of the Civil War and gives many illustrations of the battles and generals that it is difficult to get any other way, and there is much very interesting reading matter, besides.

As showing the growth and increasing interest in the library, it is interesting to note that the number of books taken out in the month of October was over two thousand, as compared to eleven hundred in October, 1906, and thirteen hundred in 1907.

The trustees have bought specimen cases to be placed in the hall. They will be in place ready for the collections within three or four weeks. Anything that the people would like to contribute or loan to the library, in the line of mineral collections, Indian relics or antiques of any description will be gladly received and well taken care of. There have already been several collections of different kinds offered, and the aim of the trustees is to make this room an interesting one as a museum and historical room, and it is earnestly urged upon our people the necessity of keeping all articles of local historic interest in our town, and not allow them to go to other places; and this hall is just the place where they should be placed and exhibited.

December 23

-The public library will be closed after Wednesday night, Dec. 23, for the rest of the week.

December 30

Books Added to Public Library during November and December, 1908

Fiction - 17 Juvenile - 23 Orations - 9 French Books - 14

1909

February 10, 1909

Library Notes

The cases for minerals and Indian relics that were bought with the money earned from the "Pinafore" entertainment last spring, have been placed in the Library Hall, and await the reception of any articles of historical value that any one desires to give or loan to

the Library. The cabinets are arranged with locks so that anything given or loaned be entirely safe. Anything in the antique line will be acceptable.

The trustees wish to acknowledge the receipt of a fine steel engraving of "Lincoln and his family," engraved in 1863, with frame, the gift of Mrs. Michael J. O'Keefe. This is a very acceptable gift at this time.

Attention is called to the collection of Postal Cards of Library buildings at the library. There are about one hundred and fifty libraries represented, from Maine to California, and the list is constantly increasing. Contributions of this kind will be received with thanks.

The *Springfield Sunday Republican*, beginning with the first of January, with an index to each issue, will be on file for the benefit of the patrons; the gift of W.H.P. Gilmore.

The Peskeompskut Club have[sic] kindly turned over their publications for the use of the library. These consist of "Collier's Weekly" "Leslie's Weekly" "Puck," "Harper's Weekly" and others. These are very acceptable and the thanks of the trustees are extended to the club.

In this connection the trustees would like to say that everyone having magazines or illustrated periodicals that they do not care to preserve after reading, a gift of them to the library will be appreciated, as they can be used to advantage and will be of great help to the patrons of the library.

-Several of the new Tungsten lights have recently been installed in the public library.

February 24

Library Notes

James M. Chapman has presented to the library, the Scientific American and Supplement for 1876, bound in four volumes. These are particularly valuable as they were published the same year that the Centennial Exposition was held at Philadelphia and contain many illustrations and articles on the exhibits there.

Mrs. B.W. Mayo has given a nearly complete file of the "Thomas Old Farmers' Almanac from 1801 to date.

Henry B. Barton and his sister, Mrs. Harriet B. Boynton, have deposited their extensive collection of Indian Relics, consisting of pestles, tomahawks, stone hammers, gouges, chisels, scalping knives, pipes, pieces of pottery, spear heads and arrow heads, and other miscellaneous pieces, in the loan department of the historical room. There about three hundred and thirteen pieces in all. These have been arranged in one section of the new cases, and make a very attractive appearance. Many of these pieces were found in the vicinity of the old battle ground of Capt. Turner's "Falls" fight, and it is particularly fitting that they should be placed where the future and present generations of Turners Falls

people can have an opportunity of seeing the implements of war and the domestic articles that were formerly made use by the Indians in this vicinity.

The thanks of the Trustees of the library are extended to Mr. Barton and his sister and families for this valuable acquisition. We trust that this donation will induce others to send in their collections of relics or antiques either by gift or loan, and add to our rapidly growing collection.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H.P. Gilmore have added the following articles to the loan collection: A lined sampler, the flax was raised, spun and woven by hand, and wrought by a girl twelve years old, in the year 1806; reel for winding yarn, over 100 years old; piece of hand made[sic] lace, made by the nuns for church vestments in Italy about the year 1700; seven daguerreotypes, the first process discovered for making pictures, the origin of photography; one ambrotype, the second process; one foot stove, 100 years old; an old fashioned jointed parasol; one tufted worsted lamp mat, made over 60 years ago; one section of the original Morse Atlantic cable; one cherry cup, made from a cherry tree growing in George Washington's garden, at Mt. Vernon, Va.; a sample of the core of the artesian well, bored at the Montague mill in 1870, showing the depth of the well and the kind of rock taken out; two wooden netting needles, formerly used in making fish nets; child's silk cap and apron; old lady's cap and night cap; beaded bag; cane, cut from some rare foreign tree (species unknown) by a professor of geology of St. Lawrence University, about 1860; and several other articles of ancient clothing.

When loan or gift collections are made, a receipt in duplicate will be given the donor specifying the number of pieces and a description of each piece where possible, and stating whether it is a gift or a loan to the library, the original given to the donor and the duplicate retained at the library. These receipts will be signed by the librarian or some member of the Board of Trustees, thereby obviating any possible misunderstanding in the future.

March 10

Town Meeting

Art. 12 - \$2500 appropriated, together with the dog fund, to be divided as follows: \$1000, half dog fund and Librarian's receipts for Turners Falls branch; \$500, quarter dog fund and Librarian's receipts for Montague branch; \$400, quarter dog fund and Librarian's receipts for Millers Falls branch.

March 24

Library Notes

Mr. Clarence A. Flagg has loaned to the library two cases of Confederate paper money And U.S. Fractional currency⁶ that was used during and after the Civil War. There are several issues of this currency and at the time they were called "Shinplasters." They were used in denominations of three cent, five, fifteen, twenty-five and fifty cents pieces, and were issued by the government to use in place of fractional silver and nickel which was very scarce at the time.

Mr. W.H.P. Gilmore has put in his collection of U.S. copper coin, dating from 1787 to 1909, very nearly a complete set.

An interesting addition has recently been made to the library in the shape of one hundred stereographs, with stereoscope. These views are a great improvement on the old fashioned stereoscope views that were so common twenty-five or thirty years ago. Fifty of the Philippine Islands, twenty-five of Hawaii, twenty-five of Panama and the work on the canal. They need to be seen to be appreciated.

-All persons interested in the formation of a Historical Society for Turners Falls and vicinity are requested to meet at the Library Hall, Friday evening of this week, at 7.30 o'clock.

March 31

-Some slick articles in the thieving line are quite busy in town lately, and access is gained by false keys or stolen keys. The library building was entered the other night with a stolen or skeleton key and all the small change stolen which however, did not amount to a dollar. A hair brush belonging to Miss Batson, the librarian, was taken in lieu of cash to help slick up the slick thief.

June 9, 1909

Books Added to the Public Library During the Month of May, 1909

Fiction - 8	Juvenile - 7	French Books - 6
History and Biography - 8		Miscellaneous - 7

June 16

Library Notes

Some time ago, Mr. A.W. Esleeck had occasion to use the "*Harper's Weekly*" for 1861-1865 (that was presented to the library by Mrs. B.W. Mayo,) to look up some dates about the Civil War, and they were returned from the bindery recently bound in five

⁶ Fractional currency, also referred to as shinplasters, was introduced by the United States federal government following the outbreak of the Civil War. These fractional notes were in use between 21 August 1862 and 15 February 1876, and issued in 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, and 50 cent denominations across five issuing periods.

volumes, Mr. Esleeck paying the bill for binding. The trustees extend their sincere thanks to Mr. Esleeck for the courtesy extended.

Rev. Alfred Free has presented eight volumes of the U.S. Geological Survey, comprising the 5th, 17th, 18th and 19th annual reports, and the report on the Mineral Resources, also a copy of the Analytical[sic] Bible by Nathaniel West.

Mrs. B.W. Mayo has presented bound volumes No.12, 13 and 14, of *Forest and Stream*.

James M. Chapman has presented two volumes of the *American Machinist*.

Ex-Representative Henry B. Barton sends us copies of *Harper's Weekly* for 1876 to 1881, and two years of the *Saturday Evening Post*.

The "Arcana of Nature" by Hudson Tuttle and "Sex Equality" by Emmett Densmore have been received as a gift from Dr. Densmore.

There has been recently added to the library, "One Hundred Best Pictures," arranged and edited by CX. Hubert Letts, being gems of the galleries of New York, London. Liverpool, Edinburgh and the art galleries of Europe, reproduced in sepia, with critical notes on the artists.

June 23

-The public library will close at eight o'clock Thursday evening because of graduating exercises.

September 1

[Books Added to the Public Library During August, 1909](#)

Fiction - 19 Miscellaneous - 12 Juvenile - 1

November 17

[Library Notes](#)

At a special meeting of the trustees, held Saturday, Nov. 13th, Miss Ethel Davis was elected assistant to the librarian.

The time of year has arrived when people are selecting their magazines and periodicals for the coming year. There are doubtless many that do not care to preserve their magazines after reading them, and would be very glad to help the library by contributing. Most of the monthly magazines are in the reader's hands from the fifteenth to the twenty-fifth of the month. The librarian does not put them into the reading rooms until after the first of the succeeding month. We should be very glad of any contributions of this kind. Anyone desiring to do so, if they will notify the librarian before December first, it will be appreciated. I have set the ball rolling by contributing the following magazines for 1910: McClure's, Women's Home Companion, Phillistine,[sic] Garden Magazine, Outlook

(weekly), Springfield Sunday Republican, and The review, a financial and insurance weekly.

Nearly fifty new volumes have been added to the library this week, principally fiction, juveniles and history.

November 24

Library Notes

The following public documents have been contributed to the library by John W. Haigis: Acts and Resolvers for 1909; Report of Board of Agriculture for 1908; Report of Mass. Highway Commission, 1908; Report of Board of Education, 1908; Manual of the General Court, 1909; and Legislative Souvenir for 1909. The last is a beautiful little book giving views of Boston, its public buildings, the legislative halls and committee rooms, and portraits of all the public officers of the state and legislators.

Nest week will appear a full list of the new books added to the library in October and November, with a special notice regarding some of them.

1910

March 10

Trustee Public Library 3 years - Nellie P. Fitzgerald
O'Connell 1 year - J. Augusta

March 16, 1910

Annual Town Meeting, Article No. 11

Art. 11. Voted that \$2500 be appropriated, together with the Dog fund, to divide as follows: \$1600 and one-half of dog fund and Librarian's receipts for turners Falls branchy library; \$500 and one-fourth Dog fund and Librarian's receipts for the Montague branch; \$400 and one-fourth of Dog fund and Librarian's receipts for the Millers Falls branch.

Art. 37 Appropriated \$1000.00 for Library Note.

Library Notes

James Monroe Chapman has made the following contribution to the loan department of the Carnegie library.

One knife, two forks, one silver pen holder, one tin dish, one filter, used by Mr. Chapman and tent mates during three years of the Civil War. The knife and forks were taken from the house of General Eustis on his plantation near Hilton Head, S.C.

One checker board, taken from Dr. Graham's plantation, Hilton Head.

One percussion tube, used in 32 lb. parrot rifle when Federal troops first fired on Charleston, S.C.

One Confederate canteen, captured at Bermuda Hundred, Va., owned by Capt. Isaac M. Faulkner, battery B, 5th Virginia Artillery.

One Palmetto cane, from tree at Fort Walker, Hilton Head, S.C., the deer horn head taken from the Episcopal parsonage, Bluffton, S.C.

One mallet, made from tree with bullet imbedded, grown at Sprangles Spring, Reynolds Grove, Gettysburg.

Five southern papers, *The Camp Kettle*, Beaufort, S.C., Jan.25, 1862; *The New South*, Port Royal, S.C., Aug.18, 1863; *The Free South*, Beaufort, S.C., Aug.15, 1863; *Richmond Daily Dispatch*, Aug.15, 1864, exchanged with Confederate picket for *New York Herald*, near Richmond, Va., 1864

One map of Charleston Harbor, showing Fort Sumpter, Moultrie, etc.

One Confederate envelope, one cloth checker board and checkers, carried through the war.

One cooper's adz, made at Tyngsboro, Mass. In 1762, for Joseph Chapman, grandfather of J. Monroe Chapman.

One Queen Ann flint lock.

One brass candle snuffer.

One warming pan.

On foot stove.

One account book, 1726

One Morses' Geography, 1814

Two brass candlesticks.

One Bayonet.

Thirty-one Indian arrows, collected at Riverside.

One photo of Clark & Chapman Machine shop and foundry, Turners Falls, 1872.

Mr. Chapman has also presented to the library three valuable books on the history of New Hampshire, as follows: State Papers, 1638 to 1785; Town Papers, 1776 to 1783; Provincial and State Papers, 1749 to 1792; also an interesting pamphlet by Mark S.W. Jefferson, a former principal of our high school, on the "Post Glacial Connecticut at Turners Falls, 1898."

Mr. Chapman has the thanks of the trustees for this interesting contribution.

Speaking of Mr. Chapman, it is with deep regret that we have to record the leaving from town of such men as he is. If we all sterling qualities the town would be much better off.

Mr. Chapman came to Turners Falls in 1879, and lived for about ten years at Riverside in the Holmes house, and was connected with the Clark & Chapman Machine

Company for a number of years. He married in early life Miss Annie L. Newcomb of Bellows Falls, Vt., who died of cancer many years ago, and has had three children, Fred, Effie and Harlan. Fred followed the footsteps of his father and learned the machinist's trade. He died several years ago. The other two children were given a liberal education, Effie being a graduate of Radcliffe and Harlan of the Mass. Institute of Technology. They both had lucrative and important positions.

Harlan is superintendent of the Maryland Steel Co., near Baltimore, Md., and Effie is secretary to the librarian of the Seattle Public Library at Seattle, Wash.

In the early 60's Mr. Chapman enlisted in the 3rd New Hampshire Volunteers and served three years. He is now seventy-three years old, but he retains a remarkable memory and can tell you most any day what was being done forty odd years to-day at the front. For the last thirty years he has been on the repair work for the Montague and International Paper Co's., and has been at the beck and call of the management at any and every hour of the day or night, including Sundays, and has made a remarkable record.

Counting 365 days to the year, he has made over two whole years' overtime in the thirty years. Mr. Chapman has not made definite plans for the future but expects to visit his son at Baltimore and may eventually make his home with his daughter at Seattle, who is anxious for him to do so.

His familiar figure will be missed on our streets, as also will be his many genial characteristics by his host of friends.

March 23

Library Notes

Application has been made through Congressman F.H. Gillette and Senator Lodge, for the reports and publications of several of the departments in Washington, and through the courtesy of Senator Lodge a designation of the department of the Geological Survey has been obtained and thirty-eight bound volumes and two hundred and fifteen paper covered special reports have been received, and as soon as it is possible to get them classified and catalogued, their contents will be made public.

We also have nearly a complete set of the Labor Bureau, and about sixteen annual reports of the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum.

The books in this department have been placed in the south end of the hall in second story, the stacks that were in the old library room being used. These books cannot be taken from the building, but tables and chairs will be placed in this room giving the public ample opportunity to study any object desired.

March 30

[Library Notes](#)

There had been presented to the library sixteen bound volumes of The Outlook, from May, 1899 to September 1903, and the unbound magazines for 1905, 1906, 1907, and 1908. This completes a continuous set, 1898 to 1910.

There has also been presented between sixty and seventy volumes on various subjects, a more explicit account of which will appear next week. Notable among them is a novel by Rev. E.A. Wyman, entitled "Ships By Day," this is particular interest to our people because Dr. Wyman was one of the early ministers of the Baptist church and is of further interest because it is dedicated to the memory of Mr. George E. Marshall.

One hundred and seventy-two new stereographic views have been purchased, eighteen of the Grand Canyon of Colorado, twenty-four of the Yosemite Valley, thirty of the Yellowstone National Park and one hundred of a tour through Norway.

These views are made much more interesting because each set is accompanied with a book explaining each view, and maps giving the exact location and points of compass showing the area over which you are looking. These stereographs are found to be of growing interest to the patrons and are very instructive as well as entertaining.

New placards have been printed and will be distributed in all public places announcing a change of time of opening the library from Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 to 6 o'clock, the change to take effect, April 1st. The library is also open every week day evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

June 8

[Books Added to the Public Library During March, April and May, 1910](#)

Fiction - 32 Mark Twain's Works in Twenty-five Volumes Juvenile - 17
History & Biography - 7 Travel - 8 Scientific - 2 Misc. - 12

June 15

-A flag pole, from which flies a brand new "old glory," now adorns the public library grounds.

July 13

-Miss Anna O. Batson, librarian of the public library, is attending a library summer school at Duxbury for two weeks.

August 31

-The public library will be closed at 8 o'clock on Friday evening of this week.

September 14

Books Added to the Library during the Months of July and August, 1910

Fiction - 13 Juvenile - 3 History - 6 Description & Travel - 1

Scientific - 2 Miscellaneous - 3

Cost of Living Commission - 10

Young Folks' Cyclopedia, Champlin - 3

September 21

-The public library will be closed to-morrow afternoon but will be open in the evening as usual.

November 30

-The weekly rehearsals of the Turners Falls Choral Society are held in the library now, regularly every Friday evening.

December 7

Library Notes

The trustees wish to acknowledge the receipt of over thirty volumes of scientific and nature books, from Mr. A.W. Esleeck, and extend a vote of thanks to him for the gift. It makes a valuable acquisition to the library.

There has recently been added to the library a "Civil Service Manual" in three volumes, and two large colored maps. These are valuable aids to any one[sic] wishing to take the Civil Service examination. The first volume is entitled "Arithmetic"; Vol. 2 "English and Allied Subjects"; Vol.3; Geography, Railway, Mail, Spelling."

Special attention is called to four magazines that have been taken by the library this year: "The Journal of American History," the "Geographic Magazine," "The International Art Studio," and the "American Cities." All of these magazines are very profusely and beautifully illustrated.

The "Geographic Magazine: for December contains over thirty colored illustrations in the new process color photography, being the largest number of colored illustrations ever produced in a single number of any magazine. "The Journal of American History" is particularly valuable for any one[sic] wishing to study the early history or genealogy of the country. "The International Art Studio" is the leading journal of its kind published.

All of these magazines are too valuable for general circulation but both the back and current numbers can be seen and studied at the library.

One of the great needs of the library (and the principal one) is a modern, up to date catalogue, and it is hoped that arrangements can be made to begin the work in the near future.

Books Added to the Carnegie Public Library During the Months of October and November, 1910

Fiction - 10 Juvenile - 20 History and Biography - 12
Roosevelt's Writings Complete - 13 Description and Travel - 2
Scientific Books - 15 Miscellaneous - 10

With maps by Ewart, Field and Morrison. Published by The Home Correspondence School, Springfield, Mass.

"Ononko's View," the story of the Bloody Brook massacre at South Deerfield, in pictures, will be shown at Colle's opera house this evening.

1911

February 1

Library Notes

It is with deep regret that the Trustees have to announce the resignation on Miss Anna O Batson as librarian of our library. She has filled the position for the past five years with exceptional ability and efficiency and her removal from town will be a great loss, both to the library and the public.

Some one has said that teachers are born and not made, that sentiment also applies to librarians and especially to Miss Batson. The business of the library has been carried on in the last five years under her very efficient administration and to the great satisfaction of the Trustees, and we would have been more delighted to have retained her services indefinitely, but the call from her relatives in Milwaukee to make her home with them seems to her imperative, and while we shall regret so much to lose her presence and personality from among us, we heartily agree with her decision and can only wish her God speed and happiness in her new home.

Respectfully, W.H.P. Gilmore, Chairman of the Trustees

February 8

Library Notes

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the public library, it was unanimously voted to secure the services of Miss Ouida Partenheimer of Greenfield, as librarian in place of Miss Anna O. Batson, resigned. Miss Partenheimer comes highly recommended. She is

now first assistant librarian in Greenfield public library, is a graduate of Smith College and has had several years experience in library work, being a graduate librarian and an expert cataloguer, she having recatalogued[sic] several libraries in this vicinity. The Trustees feel that they are very fortunate in securing her for the position at this time.

February 15

[Library Notes](#)

The trustees feel that a point has been reached in the history of our library that needs our attention and the consideration of our patrons and the public.

When the library was first incorporated in 1875 as a library association, we started with about 500 volumes, and the system of cataloging the books is very simple and not at all along the lines of modern classification, and we are therefore behind every library in this vicinity in our efficiency to serve patrons.

We have now between 7000 and 8000 volumes, and the Trustees and librarian have felt for some time that the classification was entirely inadequate for the present needs of the library, but we have also felt that as long as the town was obliged to appropriate \$1000 a year for the liquidation of the library notes, a request for any further expenditure would be inadvisable. These notes are now all paid and out of the way, and the Trustees think that the time has come when the great improvement in our library should be made. We have therefore caused to be inserted in the town warrant an article to that effect.

February 22

[Books Added to the Public Library in January, 1911](#)

Fiction - 13 Juvenile - 15 History and Biography - 16
Travel and Description - 2 Scientific - 6 Miscellaneous - 8

March 1

[Library Notes](#)

There seems to be a feeling quite generally among library trustees and librarians that there is no particular value in the public documents published by the United States Government, particularly to small and medium sized libraries. It is possible that the great number of these documents and the voluminous appearance of most of them, frighten people and give them the notion that the information to be gotten from them is not worth the labor involved, but I am convinced that a thorough reading of the "Monthly Catalogue" issued by the superintendent of documents would show the great value and the vast amount of information contained in them; information that can be obtained nowhere else for anything like the cost, many of them being free for the asking and all of them supplied at actual cost.

Each month the superintendent gives notes of special and general interest, noting and commenting on the publications that are of special interest. To show this I will quote from the last issue.

"The Geological Survey issue each year a bulletin in which the conditions of the mining industry of Alaska and also the more important economic results of the year's investigations are summarized.

Bulletin No. Bureau, carries seven unusually important papers, as follows. "Fatal Accidents in Coal Mining," "Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation," the work of Federal and State commissions of investigation, the action taken by employers' and workmen's associations, etc.

The report of the United States Forester for 1910 treats at length upon a subject of much import to the well being of the American people. It is on the whole an encouraging document.

The Soy bean bids fair to become one of the important crops of the United States. Plant Industry Bureau Bulletin No. 197 is given up entirely to the soy bean. It is illustrated by photographic plates and is sold for 15 cents.

In view of the recent discussion concerning the fortification and neutralization of the Panama Canal, Senate document No. 746 treating the subject, becomes of unusual interest. Price 5 cents.

Handbook of American Indians, north of Mexico, is published in two parts; Part 1 contains 972 pages and large maps in colors, Part 2 contains 1221 pages, both volumes bring extensively illustrated. This work has been in contemplation, and at intervals in contemplation, for nearly 40 years, and is without doubt the most comprehensive work on the American Indian yet published."

These are only a few of the subjects quoted, others are on "Questions of the Day," "Education Reports," "Consular Reports" (these are said to be very valuable,) and many other subjects.

These monthly catalogues are kept on file at the library, and they cover books and pamphlets on almost every conceivable subject, and anything that we do not have on hand the Librarian will be glad to send for on request.

March 15

Town Business Meeting

Art. 10 - Voted \$2500, together with the dog fund divided \$1600, \$500, \$400 for the purpose of re-cataloging and classifying the books of the Turners Falls branch library. Also voted \$500 and if anything left to buy books.

-Miss Ethel Davis, who has been assistant librarian at the public library for some time, has resigned her position and will be succeeded by Miss Maud Allard of Fourth

Street. Miss Davis will, from now on, care for the office end of her father's extensive ice and livery business.

April 12

A New Women's Club Forming

A meeting was held at Library hall last Saturday afternoon in the interests of the new Woman's Club it is proposed to organize in town. There was a good attendance and considerable interest was manifested. The proposed club is to have for its main object the civic improvement of the town and it is hoped to get all club women in town enlisted in its ranks.

Mrs. W.H.P. Gilmore presided at the meeting and the following ladies were appointed a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws of the new organization: Mrs. F.P. Davison, Mrs. Julian Holmes, Miss Alice Wyman, Miss Clara Morley, Mrs. N.P. Farwell.

They are to report at the next meeting, which will be held on Saturday afternoon, April 22nd, at 3.45 o'clock in Library hall.

April 26

-The meeting of the Woman's Club held in Library hall Saturday afternoon was attended by about 40 ladies. The committee on constitution and by-laws were granted more time to bring in a report. Mrs. J.C. O'Brien and Mrs. C.L. Cook of Greenfield read papers on the work of Women's Clubs.

It was voted to secure Mrs. Crocker of Fitchburg, third vice president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, to address the members at the next meeting, which is to be held subject to the call of the chairman, Mrs. W.H.P. Gilmore.

May 10

-The Women's Club will meet at library hall this afternoon at 3.45 o'clock. The committee on constitution and by-laws will make their report and the club organized. Tea will also be served. Mrs. Marion Crocker of Fitchburg, who was to address the meeting on club and federation work, will be unable to be present on account of illness.

-Through the courtesy of the librarians of Greenfield and Turners Falls libraries, and the kindness of friends, the Ladies' Industrial Society of Montague City have opened a branch library, subject to the rules and regulations of the town library, in the basement of the Montague City chapel. All residents of the town of Greenfield and Montague are invited to use this library and the library hours are Saturdays from 4 to 6 and 7 to 8 o'clock, and on Wednesdays from 5 to 6 o'clock. Miss Ella M. Hazelton is the librarian.

June 7

[Books Added to the Carnegie Public Library Since April 1](#)

Fiction - 31 Non-Fiction - 15 Juvenile - 8

June 21

[Library Notes](#)

Through the efforts of the Chairman of the Trustees and the courtesy of Congressman Gillett, two valuable monologues issued by the U.S. Geological Survey, have been received at the library, the first, No. 14 in entitled "Fossil Fishes and Fossil Plants of the Triassic Rocks of New Jersey and the Connecticut River," by John S. Newbury, Professor of geology at Columbia College. The book is illustrated by many plates and shows quite a large variety of fossil fish and plants found in Turners Falls and Sunderland.⁷

The second volume, No. 23 treats of the "Geology of the Green Mountains of Massachusetts," by R. Pumpelly and others. These volumes together with the "Geology of Old Hampshire County" which includes Franklin County, recently received from the same source, and the "History of Fossil Footprints," by Dr. James Deane, gives a very comprehensive idea of the geology of this vicinity, and are valuable acquisitions to the library.⁸

In a recent issue of *Colliers* the statement was made that it was unfortunate that the Congressional Record issued every day at Washington was not more available and read by a very much larger proportion of the people, arrangements have been made with the Government at Washington, whereby the record, in pamphlet form is received at the library every day. This comprises a full record of the doings of Congress each day.⁹ These are especially interesting and instructive just now when discussion on Reproductive Wool Schedules and other tariff measures are being made. Everyone at all interested in the affairs of our country will be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity.

A series 72 of pictures illustrating Walter Crane Picture Books loaned by the Woman's Education Association of Boston is on exhibition at the library.

The librarian and associates are just about done completing the cataloging and classification of the books in the juvenile department, comprising over one thousand volumes and have moved them into the children's room so that they may be more

⁷ The two above mentioned titles are components of my Geology/Paleontology/Natural History Library located in my home in Greenfield.

⁸ These additional above titles also reside in my library. The Deane title mentioned above is incorrect. The proper title is "Ichnographs From the Sandstone of the Connecticut River." Dr. James Deane (1801-1858) was a practicing physician in Greenfield, Mass. This being a rare and sought after volume. 1861 - 61 pages, 46 plates. *e.g.*

⁹ Transcriber's Political Statement: If this Congressional Record is received TODAY, (2012-2016) it, sadly, would have nothing to offer as the 114th U.S. Congress does, literally, *little or nothing* on a daily basis to meet the needs of the people of the United States. We live in truly sad political time. We have a Government of the people, by the people, but certainly *not* for the people. *e.g.*

accessible to the children and obviate the necessity of them looking through the stacks for books.

There has been more or less misunderstanding as to the amount of labor involved in this work and also the necessity for expert and efficient work in a proper classification of the books. The juvenile and fiction are the easiest and most simple part of the library to classify, and it all takes about four months of steady work to go through the juvenile alone. A full explanation of the "Dewey Decimal" system of cataloging will be published later.

July 12

[Books Added to the Carnegie Public Library Since June 1](#)

Fiction - 13 Non-Fiction - 29 Juveniles - 8 Replacements -9

August 26

-Twenty five books for boys, the gift of George Kuhlke, of Spofford, N.H., have been added to the Montague City library. The circulation of the library has increased from 51 on the opening day, May 6 to 152.

[See May 24](#)

October 4

[Library Notes](#)

Among the recent additions to the library are some that deserve special mention:

Henry Savage Landor's "Tibet and Nepal," gives a very interesting account of his travels in these countries.

Another interesting book of travel is "Norway" by Beatrice Jungman, also having seventy-five colored illustrations taken from sketches by Nico Jungman.

"Northern Trails," by William J. Long, gives an interesting account of his experiences with wild game in Labrador and Newfoundland.

A new set of books for the children and also interesting and instructive to grownups, is entitled, "Children's Library of Work and Play." This consists of ten volumes with the following titles: Housekeeping, Gardening, Carpentry, Electricity, Home Decoration, Needlecraft, Working in Metals, Mechanics, Out Door Work and Out Door Sport.

The Amherst Agricultural College are issuing two sets of leaflets, "Facts for Farmers" and "Nature Leaflets." These are issued monthly and will be on file at the library and will be received as issued hereafter. They also have a set of bound volumes which is called "The Farmer's Library," pertaining to all the different branches of farming and gardening. The Librarian would be glad to send for them for anyone interested.

A complete list of the Farmers' Bulletins issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, also the monthly catalogue of United States Public Documents, are on file at the library.

The Librarian and assistants have practically finished the re-classification of the fiction. This completes the Juvenile and Fiction. The most difficult part is still to come in the classifying of the history and biography, travels, scientific, public document and miscellaneous departments.

October 25

-The public library will be open every Sunday afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock, beginning the first Sunday in November, for reading and reference only, but not for the use of issuing books.

-The business meeting of the Turners Falls Choral Society will be held at Library Hall this evening.

November 1

Library Notes

Charles H. Rice has presented a key to the library for their historical department. This key is quite a curiosity, as it is about six inches long and weighs about a pound, but its historical value lies in the fact that it was a key to the first school house in this part of town. This building was afterwards used as the office of the Turners Falls Company and later as a lock-up, and stood on the lot now owned by the Crocker Institution for Savings. Later it was moved near the bulk head and served as an office of the Clark Machine Company.

December 20

Books Added to the Turners Falls Library

Fiction - 28 Juvenile - 6

-The public library will be open hereafter on Sundays from 3 to 6 instead of from 2 to 5.

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January 31, 1912

-The turners Falls Choral Society held their regular rehearsal in Library Hall last evening in preparation for the concert they are planning to give Wednesday evening, February 14. There are to be 50 voices and several outside guests will assist the society.

February 7

-The rehearsals are progressing favorably for the musical which is to be held in Library Hall, Feb. 20, under the auspices of the Woman's Club. This is to be an open meeting. Admission, 10 cents to any outside the club.

February 28

-The Turners Falls Brotherhood will hold a meeting in Library Hall this evening with addresses by Frederick J. Hillman of Springfield, president of the New England Audit Co., and F.A. Latimer, district manager of the Bradstreet Commercial Agency.

March 13

Town Meeting

Art. 10 - \$3000 was appropriated for the public library, to be divided as follows:

Turners Falls branch - \$2100 Millers Falls branch - \$400 Montague branch - \$500

March 20

-Superintendent of Schools Frank P. Davison addressed the Turners Falls Woman's Club at their meeting in Library Hall yesterday afternoon on "The Child and the School."

March 27

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 16

Library Notes

The attention of the patrons of the library and the reading public is called to the annual town report. On page 180 is given the new classification of books, followed by a list of all papers, periodicals and magazines to be found in the reading room, and a complete list of books added to the library during the last year. As the library issues no catalog in book form, this list, together with lists of new books that will be printed in the **Reporter** from time to time, will serve to readers as a catalog of the new books.

Among the notable books purchased during the last year may be mentioned the "Photographic History of the Civil War," in ten volumes. This history is very profusely illustrated by hundreds of photographs taken by the noted artist, Brady, during that contest. As these pictures are taken from actual photographs and not gotten up from memory, they are of unusual value and interest.

Amam and Charles Black of London have published some charming descriptive books of different European countries and cities, very profusely and beautifully illustrated in color. "Rome", for instance, has 70 illustrations, "The Lakes of England", sixty five, "Japan, seventy-five, and many others. These illustrations, as the newspapers used to say, are by special artists, taken on the spot, so they add very materially to the text.

As there has been some call for German books, an experiment is being made, and about fifteen volumes have been borrowed from larger libraries and are for distribution. If it is found there is a demand for them, other German books will be added from time to time.

The experiment of opening the library Sunday afternoons from three to six, has been so successful (from fifty to seventy-five being in attendance every Sunday) that it has been decided to make it a permanent feature. The Springfield Sunday Republican has been subscribed for and other Sunday papers will be added as the demand requires.

Our new librarian has enjoyed the work of the library very much in the past year. Her only regret is that more of our citizens have not taken the advantage of the facilities that the library affords. There has been a very noticeable increase in the attendance at the reading rooms, but the circulation has not increased as fast as it should. The principal object of a library is to have its books circulate, and it is the duty of every parent to patronize the library as much as possible and see that their children do likewise. We have the books, now it is up to the people to see that they are circulated.

The librarian and her assistants are there to give every possible help to patrons, and are willing and anxious to make any suggestions on the accommodation of the reading public.

The first meeting of the new Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday evening, April 3d, for the purpose of organizing and other necessary work. The attendance of the full board is desired.

April 10

[New Books Added to the Carnegie Library](#)

Fiction - 6 Non-Fiction - 9 For Young Readers - 6

April 17

[New Books Added](#)

Fiction - 6 Non-Fiction - 3 For Young Readers - 11

April 24

[New Books at the Carnegie Library](#)

Non-Fiction - 5 For Young Readers - 18

-A meeting will be held in Library hall this evening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing the Board of Trade. The committee recently appointed to look into the matter will make its report, and the Board will be launched under auspicious circumstances.

May 1

[New Books at Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 3 Non-Fiction - 4 Juvenile - 2

May 22

[Library Notes](#)

A number of books in the German language have recently been loaned to the library for an indefinite period of time. It is hoped that all who are interested in German literature will avail themselves[sic] of this opportunity.

The library reading rooms will be closed on Sundays during the months of June, July and August.

A "Children's hour" will be held in library hall at three o'clock every Saturday afternoon. Miss Charlotte Hosmer has kindly consented to tell stories to the children at this time.

A collection of weavings, made by the pupils of the third grade, under the direction of Miss Grace Davis, is now on exhibition at the library. The collection includes tiny hammocks, parasols, mats and hats.

A "Duplicate Collection" of books of the most popular books is being started at the library. These books will circulate as seven day books. These books are loaned to borrowers for a penny a day. It is hoped in this way to give more patrons of the library the opportunity to read the new books.

The library will be closed Memorial Day.

May 29

[Library Notes](#)

New books: Non-Fiction - 13 For Young Readers -6

One of the non-fiction books; "Social Reform and the Constitution", in this book the author's object is to ascertain from examination of the declaration of the U.S. Supreme Court, to what extent the Constitution of the United States in its present form is a bar to the adoption of the most important social reform measures advocated by the most progressive people.

Another non-fiction book; "About Algeria", is an unusually interesting travel book. Excellent illustrations from photographs. Devotes much attention to the country and gives information concerning the Sahara Desert, which upsets popular belief.

June 5

[Library Notes](#)

The Woman's Education Association has loaned to the Carnegie Library a collection of books on German art, artists, architecture, history and description. Over one-hundred and fifty pictures are also loaned with the books. These pictures will be on exhibition in the reading and reference rooms. The books may circulate as though owned by the library. The collection will be kept here until November of this year.

A copy of General N.P. Chapman's "Tragedy at Andersonville; Trial of Captain Henry Wertz, the Prison Keeper," has been presented to the library by the Woman's Relief Corps, No. 64. It is the request that the book be read by school children.

New books; Fiction - 1 Non-Fiction - 2

June 12

[Library Notes](#)

The Christian Science Monitor, A daily paper, is now being regularly received at the library as a gift.

New Books;

Fiction - 3 Books For Young Readers - 10

Miss Allard and Miss Partenheimer attended the Massachusetts Library Club meeting which was held in Springfield last Friday.

June 19

[Library Notes](#)

A collection of pictures of European cathedrals has been loaned to the library by the Women's Educational Association. These pictures are on exhibition in the reading and reference rooms.

The library has received several contributions to the picture collection this week.

Mr. Esleeck has given to the library four volumes of Graphic Arts and Crafts year books, a book on "Violin Making," and another on "Pictures and Paintings of the English School."

A copy of Marshall's "Sinking of the Titanic" is now available.

July 3

[Library Notes](#)

The library will be closed on the holiday, July 4th.

New Books Non-Fiction - 2 For Young Readers - 3

July 10

[Library Notes](#)

New Books Non-Fiction - 2 For Young Readers - 2

July 17

-The public library building has been undergoing minor repairs and been painted the past week.

July 31

-Two globe electric lights, surmounting tall, ornamental iron pillars, have been placed on either side of the entrance doorway to the Carnegie Library, and are not only very useful, but add greatly to the appearance of the building.

September 11

-The first meeting of the Turners Falls Women's Club will be held at Library Hall, Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 17, at 2.45.

September 18

-The library will be closed Thursday afternoon, September nineteenth, on account of the agricultural fair in Greenfield. The library will be open in the evening, as usual.

-Miss Maude Allard is assistant librarian at the Carnegie Library.

September 25

[The Choral Society](#)

The first meeting of the Turners Falls Choral Society will be held at Library Hall next Tuesday evening, Oct. 1, at 7.30 o'clock. Victor L.F. Rebmann of Hartford, who has successfully directed the work of the organization since its inception, will again be the director this year.

[Library Notes](#)

The following books have been given to the library by Mrs. Samuel R. Morrison of Central Street: "Sketch Book" by Washington Irving. "Vicar of Wakefield" by Oliver Goldsmith, "Glimpses of Fifty Years" by Francis Willard, "Soldier's Story" by Warren Lee Goss.

A copy of "Sparks; as Series of Popular Reflections on Ethical and Social Types" by Rev. I.M Zimmerman has been presented to the library by the author.

October 9

-The second meeting of Dorothy Quincy Hancock Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Greenfield, will be held at Turners Falls in library hall to-morrow afternoon. Mrs. N.P. Farwell, vice president of the chapter, and Mrs. W.L. Salmon of Turners Falls will be the hostesses.

October 23

-John B. Willard of Seventh Street has loaned to the library a large pelican¹⁰ which he shot on the Magnolia river in Alabama.

Library Notes

New books added;

Fiction - 8 For Younger Readers - 10 Books Loaned for a cent a day - 3

October 30

Library Notes

New books added to the library.

Fiction - 5 Non-Fiction - 4 Young Readers - 3

November 6

Library Notes

New Books at the Library

Fiction - 3 Non-fiction - 5 Duplicate Book Collection - 4

November 13

Library Notes

Books Received at the Library

Fiction - 2 Non-Fiction - 11 For Young Readers - 6

C.A. Dickinson of Holyoke, has loaned to the library for exhibition, a copy of the New Hampshire Sentinel published at Keene, N.H., October 1st, 1808—one hundred and four years ago. This was during James Madison's administration, and some rather pithy political articles appear in this number.

A Notable Exhibition and Sale

Attention is called to the exhibition and sale to be given by the Arts and Crafts Department of the Women's Club, at Library hall, on the afternoon and evening of Nov. 21 and 22. Many interesting and valuable antique articles have been loaned by members of the club for exhibition only. A collection of unusual size and interest will be the "Chenery exhibit," brought from Montague.

Harold Reynolds will exhibit some of his attractive photos.

¹⁰ The pelican resides in the library museum today.

Miss Elizabeth Allen, of local prominence, will have quite a number of canvases for sale and Walter L. Chaloner, of Merrimac, Mass., widely known for his exceptional ability as a water color artist, will exhibit for sale some twenty or more pictures. A fine collection of hand-made jewelry from Providence, R.I., and many artistic as well as useful articles by local workers promise some of the best affairs of the kind ever given in Turners Falls.

November 20

Library Notes

Few people outside the regular patrons of the library realize the great improvement that has been made in the past few months by the acquisition of pictures, either loaned or contributed, that have been hung in the library rooms. It is really worth a visit to the library building, to see the pictures exhibited there.

The latest donation is an oil painting by our local artist, Miss Elizabeth A. Allen, representing a view of the Connecticut River at the boat landing above the upper suspension bridge. This painting is presented to the library by Dr. J.H. Morley in behalf of a number of members of the Congregational church and society, friends of Miss Allen, who thought it was fitting that an example of her work should have a place in our library rooms.

This picture is one of the best examples of Miss Allen's work we have seen. The thanks of the Trustees are hereby extended to the donors for this addition to our walls.

November 27

Library Notes

New Books at the Library

Fiction - 5

Non-Fiction - 5

Juvenile - 1

Ancillary, however germane to this topic. e.g. See May 10 & 24, 1911

December 4

Library Hall at Montague City Dedicated To-Day

The residents of Montague City, after a long pull, a hard pull, and a pull together, at length have the satisfaction of having a beautiful, commodious and well arranged building to house the village library and to serve for community gatherings, social events, etc. It will be dedicated this evening with appropriate exercises and the whole village, with interested friends from elsewhere, will be on hand to make the affair a thoroughly enjoyable one.

The hall will open for inspection this afternoon and this evening at 8 o'clock, the dedication exercises will be held.

The building will be known as Library Hall. It is built of brick and contains a library, cloak room and hall, 32 by 32 feet, on main floor and the basement is of the same dimensions. Everything is well planned.

Miss Ella Hazelton and Edward Hazelton will provide all the furnishings for the library. Miss Hazelton always having taken a warm interest in the library, and having been librarian for a long time the Montague City men subscribed and raised sufficient money to pay for 100 chairs, and L.A. Tupper & Co. of Turners Falls have donated the curtains for the building, so that the equipment of the hall is well taken care of.

It is to the Women of Montague City that the building of the hall is primarily due, they having worked energetically to that end for several years. The ladies will hold a bazaar in the new hall on Thursday and Friday of next week.

December 11

[Library Notes](#)

New Books

Non-Fiction - 6 Books For Young Readers - 5

December 25

[New Books at the Library](#)

Fiction - 1 Non-Fiction - 8 For Younger Readers - 5

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[Library Notes](#)

Some of the notable books received at the library are hereby, as the Springfield Republican so often says, "briefly characterized by the Library Board;" "A.B.C. of Collecting Old English China," by J.F. Blacker, gives some explicit directions to collectors of old coins, regarding marks and impressions to be found on the different kinds of ware, and the precautions necessary to be taken against the great quantity of fake pieces that are made in imitation.

Alice Morse Earle's book on "China Collecting in America," is familiar to most collectors and is very entertaining reading for anyone, whether interested in collecting or not.

"Chats on Old Furniture," by Arthur Hayden, is interesting reading to anyone, especially possessors of Chippendale, Sheraton or Hepplewhite furniture.

"Venice of Today," by Mr. Hopkinson Smith, consists of a series of 36 water colors and sketches in black and white, of the noted buildings, canals and bridges of Venice. Like

all of Mr. Smith's work, they are very beautifully executed. One of the water colors has been framed and hung in the reading room.

"Rembrandt," by Mortimer Meppes, contains some fine reproductions in color by the artist. Mr. Meppes himself is an artist of considerable note, and the plates being made by him and taken from the originals, make the reproductions much more valuable than are usually found in books of this kind.

Another valuable addition and one that the old soldiers and others interested in the Civil War will like, is Frederick H. Dyer's "A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion." This gives a complete history of the war, both from the northern and southern standpoint, and also's[sic] very complete data of each regiment, brigade, etc., in each army corps, giving all of the battles participated in, so that anyone can trace the history of every regiment through the whole war.

The Trustees have succeeded in acquiring as a loan from John Jameson, the unique "Commodore" Smith collection of Indian relics, for the museum department. There are in all four hundred and five pieces, consisting of arrow heads, tomahawks, pestles, parts of dishes, and some very interesting hieroglyphics carved on stone by the Indians. This, with the Barton collection, also at the library, makes a most complete display. The thanks of the Trustees are extended to Mr. Jameson for the loan.

The new map of Massachusetts showing the population of each town and showing the redistricting of the state into congressional districts can be seen at the library.

[New Books at the Carnegie Library:](#)

Fiction - 6 Non-Fiction - 22 Books for Young Readers - 11

February 19

[New Books at the Carnegie Library](#)

Fiction - 8 Non-Fiction - 7 For Younger Readers - 5

The library will be closed on Washington's birthday.

-A special rehearsal of the Turners Falls Choral Society will be held in Library Hall to-morrow evening.

March 5

-New Books at the Library

Fiction - 5 Non-Fiction - 14 For Younger Readers - 16 Loaned for a Penny a

Day - 5

March 12

Town Business Meeting . . .

\$2700 was appropriated for the town libraries, of which the Dog Fund, is to be divided' Turners Falls branch, \$1800 and half dog fund; Montague branch, \$500 and quarter dog fund; Millers Falls, \$400 and quarter dog fund.

Local Matters

-Professor E.A. White of the faculty of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst will lecture before the Woman's Club of Turners Falls at Library hall, on Tuesday evening, March 18, at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "Ornamental Gardens."

New Books at Carnegie Library

Fiction - 14

April 2

Library Notes

William B. Durant has presented to the library a complete set of twelve volumes of the works of O'Henry.

Carl P. Rollins of the Dyke Mill of Montague Centre, has presented a nearly complete set of the *Printer's Art* for five years and the *Graphic Arts* for two years.

The Free Public Library Commission of Boston has sent four books as a gift, as follows; "Guide to the United States for the Immigrant," 2 vols., one in Polish and the other the Yiddish translation. "Advice to Immigrants," and "English for New Americans."

The Treasury Department at Washington has sent us a collection of Confederate bank bills, of five, ten and twenty dollar denominations. These bills were issued by the Confederate States of America in 1852 and 1863, and were made redeemable, some six months and some two years "after the promulgation of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States of America." Some of these bills were engraved, lithographed and printed in Richmond, Va., and some in Columbia, S.C. The names of the engraver and printer appears on the bills, which adds to their interest. These bills were captured by the government just before the close of the Civil War. They are to be framed under glass and will be on exhibition.

Attention is called to the article in the last number of the Print Collector's Quarterly by John Cotton Dana, librarian of the Newark, N.J., library, on "The Collection of Prints for Small Libraries." This article will inspire many small libraries to start a collection of prints, and an effort will be made to get one under way in our library. Old illustrated books and papers are solicited for this purpose.

The history of engraving in this and other countries is very interesting, beginning with the old wood engraving and from that to copper and steel plate, with dry point and

acid etching, up to the many processes now used. Pictures with all of these processes illustrated in chronological order would make a mighty interesting collection.

April 9

[New Books at Carnegie Library](#)

Fiction - 5 For Younger Readers - 7

April 16

[New Books at Carnegie Library](#)

Fiction - 3 Non-Fiction - 9 For Younger Readers - 5

May 7

[New Books at Carnegie Library](#)

Non-Fiction - 6

[Local Matters](#)

-The Turners Falls library, which has been open every Sunday afternoon during the winter, will not be open during the summer on Sunday afternoons, as during the warm weather most people and all children would rather read a book of nature than any other kind. Opening the library in the winter has been a good thing, and will doubtless be resumed with the advent of cold weather.

May 14

-The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Turners Falls Board of Trade will be held in Library Hall this evening, May 14, at eight o'clock. Reports of officers and committees on the work of the past year will be given.

May 28

[Library Notes](#)

The Women's Education Association of Boston has loaned to the Carnegie Library a traveling library of Polish books which teach the use of the English language to foreigners; also books on agriculture, arithmetic and cookery written in the Polish language, and many books of fiction written in the Polish language. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "Robinson Crusoe" are among the numbers.

June 18

[New Books at Carnegie Library](#)

For Young Readers - 11

-The regular meeting of the Turners Falls Board of Trade will be held at Library Hall this evening, June 11th, at eight o'clock. The Board of Managers will present a list on committees for ensuing year, also other business to come before the meeting.

July 2

[New Books at Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 21 Non-Fiction - 5 For young Readers - 7 For Youngest Readers - 8

[Local Matters](#)

-Mrs. Anna Batson Lindsay of Milwaukee, for many years a teacher in the Turners Falls Schools and later Librarian of our library, who has been in town visiting old friends, has presented the Turners Falls library with a handsome globe map of the latest design.

It is a beautiful piece of the mapmaker's art and is mounted on a pedestal of oxidized copper standing about four feet high. It is not only a complete map of the world, but is an atlas in itself. It gives the shortest routes of travel between the different continents and countries and it is also an astronomical map, having the zodiac complete.

Mrs. Lindsay takes a keen interest in the library. Her gift is a useful and valuable one and is deeply appreciated.

July 9

[Library Notes](#)

During the past month the circulation of books at the library has equaled that of the winter months. Undoubtedly part of the gain is due to the "vacation readers," who now number about 125. The gain over June of 1912 was 574 volumes. The total number of books drawn was 1915.

A so-called "Vacation List" of books for younger readers was prepared by the librarian at the close of school. Each child who reads ten of the books on this list is entitled to receive a picture which is given to them as a mark of approval and as an incentive to good reading. A list of the names of those who complete the course of reading will be given at the close of vacation.

July 16

[Library Notes](#)

Special summer privileges are now allowed at the library. Any card-holder may borrow six of the older novels and any reasonable number of volumes of non-fiction, except new books, and other works in constant demand. The books will be charged to October 1, but may be returned before that time and a second supply taken.

July 30

New Books at the Library

Fiction - 3 Non-Fiction - 10 Loaned for a Penney a Day - 4

August 6

-Miss Ouida Partenheimer, the librarian attended a meeting on Wednesday at the Massachusetts Agricultural College and attended lectures of interest to those conducting library work.

-Miss Rebecca C. Farwell is assisting at the library during the summer.

August 13

Library Notes

The children find great pleasure in the use of the stereoscopes and views, which are owned by the library, but, as the library has only two stereoscopes, the demand is much greater than the supply. If any of the residents of the town have stereoscopes or stereoscopic views, for which they no longer have a need, they can put them to better advantage than to give them to the library for use in the children's department, where they will be greatly appreciated.

The picture collection is growing slowly and has proved its usefulness many times over. The librarian will be glad to receive any material which can be used for the collection, such as old magazines, papers or books.

New Books Non-Fiction - 7

August 20

Library Notes

A local history collection is to be started at the Carnegie Library. Any material which treats of Turners Falls and vicinity as such as magazine articles, club programs, photographs, post cards and pictures of public buildings, stores, private homes, etc., will be welcomed. The amateur photographers could be of great assistance in this matter and their Kodak picture would be placed on exhibition at the library.

September 3

-Dr. Morley has presented the library with an 1860 Worcester dictionary.

-James M. Chapman has presented the library with a full volume of 1912 Technical World magazine and also a catalogue of the Seattle Library, where his daughter is employed.

September 10

-The regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in Library Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 16th at 1 o'clock. Tea will be served after the meeting.

October 1

-Our former townsman, James M. Chapman, has loaned the Turners Falls library a fine collection of stones gathered by him on his visit to the Pacific coast. Some of the stones are very beautiful and are of much interest. A number of pieces of wood cut by beavers in northern Maine, also wood from which the bark has been peeled for winter food, have been presented to the library by T. Harold Reynolds, together with a picture of the beaver dam from which the wood was taken.

October 29

-Following the custom commenced last winter, the Turners Falls library will be open every Sunday afternoon during the winter months, commencing next Sunday, Nov. 2. The hours will be from 3 to 6 o'clock, for reading and reference only, as no books will be given out to be taken home. The library was freely visited last season on Sundays and it is expected that the number of readers this year will be increased.

November 5

[New Books at the Carnegie Library](#)

Fiction - 7

Non-Fiction - 11

For Young readers - 4

November 12

-The monthly meeting of the Turners Falls Board of Trade will be held in Library Hall to-night, at 8 o'clock. Thomas H. Day, chief electric inspector of the New England Insurance Exchange, will give an illustrated talk on Electricity which will be of great interest to every member.

-The regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in Library Hall, Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 18th, at three o'clock. A talk on prints and etchings will be given by W.H.P. Gilmore, after which tea will be served.

November 19

[New Books at the Library](#)

Fiction - 10

Non-Fiction - 5

For Young Readers - 20

The Woman's Education Association of Boston has loaned to the library some excellent pictures of the Grand Canyon of Colorado, pictures of Indians and western frontier life.

December 3

[New Books at the Library](#)

Fiction - 9 For Young Readers - 7

December 10

-Edward Hart, a prominent member of the Holyoke Board of Trade will address the monthly meeting of the Turners Falls Board of Trade in Library Hall this evening.

-The library broke all their records for circulation of books, last month. During November, 2110 books were taken out.

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January 21

-Through the courtesy of Treasurer A.R. Smith, the Keith Paper Company has presented the library with thirteen bound volumes of the *Inland Printer* and four volumes of *Printing Art*. The thanks of the trustees are extended to the donor for the gift.

[New Books at the Library](#)

Fiction - 16 Non-Fiction - 13 Young Readers - 17

January 28

-The library will be open on Friday afternoon of this week, not for the distribution of books, but for the accommodation of anyone wishing to examine the collection of etchings on exhibition from the Chicago Society of Etchers. This collection comprises about 125 etchings and aquatints by prominent American artists, and is well worth seeing. A special invitation is extended to all interested in this brunch of art to visit the library Friday afternoon, between two and six o'clock.

February 4

-New Books at the Carnegie Library

Fiction - 23 For Young Readers - 7

February 18

-On Lincoln's birthday, last Thursday-all children taking books from the public library were presented by the librarian with a small picture of Lincoln. The custom will be continued on Washington's birthday and other holidays whereon pictures may be suitably used.

March 25

-The young folks' minstrel show which was successfully presented at Library hall, Montague City, under the direction of Louis A. LaShier, last week, will be repeated at

Riverside hall, Friday night, March 27, by request, and under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society.

April 1

[New Books at the Carnegie Library](#)

Fiction - 17 Non Fiction - 2 Juveniles - 6

April 15

[New Books at the Carnegie Library](#)

Fiction - 5 Non-Fiction - 10 Juvenile - 6

April 29

[New Books at the Carnegie Library](#)

Non-Fiction - 19 Juvenile - 3

-The library, which has been open Sunday afternoons during the winter, will not be open Sundays, hereafter, until further notice.

May 27

-Mrs. W. L. Salmon has presented the public library with two sets of stereopticon Views for use in the children's room.

June 17

[Library Notes](#)

Vacation reading for the children will begin Saturday, June 20. A picture will be given to each child who reads ten of the books on the following list.¹¹ To the boy and girl who writes the best description of the book which he or she enjoyed most, a prize will be given.

Vacation privileges for adults will be the same as those of last year.

July 22

[New Books at the Carnegie Library](#)

Fiction - 11 Non-Fiction - 3 Younger Readers - 19

July 29

-Librarian Miss Louise Partenheimer recently visited Springfield in the interest of the Turners Falls library, especially to ascertain what Polish books could best be added to the library, as books in the Polish language are being much called for locally and it is desired to provide for the demand.

¹¹ The list is extensive. It will not be given here. *e.g.*

-A fine mineral cabinet has been placed in the historical and museum room of the library. This cabinet fills a long felt want, for it allows of classification of specimens for easy reference.

New Books at the Carnegie Library

Fiction - 5

Non-Fiction - 12

For Younger Readers - 6

August 12

-Our librarian, Miss Louise S. Partenheimer, has been spending a few days the past week with friends in Worthington.

August 19

-The Turners Falls library has had several important additions of late. Eighteen volumes of the beautiful Black color books on different countries have been purchased, and these books will delight everyone seeing them. Miss Lucy Stoughton of Riverside has presented the library with a fine stereoscope and set of views which are greatly appreciated by the children and Mrs. Wm. A. Pollock of Springfield, formerly of this town, has presented the library with 64 volumes on various subjects.

August 26

Library Notes

W.H.P. Gilmore has placed his collection of minerals in the new cabinet recently purchased by the library. These minerals were collected principally by Mr. Gilmore's father, years ago, and contain some very valuable specimens. This collection fills only about one-half of the capacity of the new cabinet, and it is hoped that other collections will be presented or loaned to the library. Collections of this kind that give the public access to their inspection, are a great help to all students and others interested in the study of mineralogy of geology.

The Trustees have passed a vote of thanks to Mrs. W.A. Pollock of Springfield, formerly of Turners Falls, for the gift of 65 volumes presented to the library. These volumes were selected from the late Mr. Pollock's private library, and some of them are quite valuable. Among them is a full set of 25 volumes of "Universal History," by William Mayor, L.L.D., published in 1804, in full leather binding, illustrated by fine steel engravings. This is a universal history of the world from the earliest times to general peace in 1801. It would be almost impossible to obtain a duplicate of this set of books. Another interesting set is the works of Mrs. Sherwood published in 1835. Contributions of early publications, especially if well illustrated, are especially acceptable to the library.

Among the A. & C. Black books recently purchased, are the following: Norway, Banks of the Nile, Tiber and Nepal, India, Rome, Russia, Holland, Japan, the English Lakes, South America, The Dolomites, (Switzerland). All of these looks are very entertainingly written and beautifully illustrated, and will be unusually interesting reading at this time then all Europe is at war.

September 9

-There will be a meeting of the Woman's Club in Library Hall next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There will be a reception, and tea will be served. Mrs. Argy and Mrs. Miller will be in charge.

September 23

Vacation Readers at the Carnegie Public Library

The following is a list of the names of the boys and girls of Turners Falls who joined the Vacation Reading Club at the library. The star following the name indicates that the member has read the required ten books and has received Perry pictures. A double star indicates that the member has read twenty books from the prescribed list, which was printed in this paper at the close of the school year. There were one hundred and sixty-one¹² members of the club.

-The Woman's Educational Association of Boston has loaned to the Turners Falls library a travelling library of books in German, containing fiction and educational books. The library will remain here until March 1, 1915, and will be appreciated by German readers. Miss Flora Hosmer has presented the children's room with two games for the little folks.

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September 30

The Library's Usefulness

Our public library is doing the correct thing in adding books in Polish for the use of our numerous residents who speak that tongue. The rising generation of Poles is, of course, reading books in English, and they are assiduous readers, too. Among the vacation readers at the library, were scores of Polish boys and girls, and the majority of them read

¹² Too many to list. *e.g.*

20 instead of the required 10 books on the prescribed list, to say nothing of the others which they so eagerly perused. The Poles as a race, are intensely interested in education and read much and intelligently. Naturally, many of the older people learn to read the English language and are able to read books in the language of their adopted country, but to a great many Poles, who have not yet acquired much ability in reading English, the opportunity to get books at the library in their own tongue will be a great blessing. It is interesting to note that "Robinson Crusoe" and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" have been added to our library in Polish, and will undoubtedly have many readers, although the Polish title of the latter, especially, looks very funny to one not to the manner born.

Adding books to the library in the various languages commonly used by residents of Turners Falls, is to be highly commended, for many foreigners who' have not the wherewithal to buy books or reading matter which they can understand, would otherwise be deprived, in large part, of the advantages of reading, and it is these people who especially need the benefits of the library. German readers are good patrons of the library and the Poles also, as soon as they find out that books are to be had.

The Polish children learn to read and speak English with surprising facility and it does not take long before their parents "catch on" to the chatter of their children. It is quite a noticeable fact that the young Polish children when playing together, almost invariably speak English, and in many cases the youngsters when addressed by their parents in their own tongue, answer in the English, thus showing how thoroughly they are assimilating the language.

Foreigners in the cities it has been found, are readers of cultivated tastes, and are not contented with trash, but poetry, the classics, and real literature, is what they read and desire. Their tastes have not been vitiated by the insatiable perusal of frothy "best sellers" and the book of the hour, as is too often the case with native born Americans.

Library Notes New Books

Fiction - 8

Non-Fiction - 3

Polish - 8

Juvenile - 8

Carnegie public library has recently received from the trustees under the will of Mary Baker Eddy, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy; also "The Life of Mary Baker Eddy," by Sibyl Wilbur. These books have been presented without cost to the library, and are to be placed at the disposal of the reading public as soon as they have been catalogued.

Other gifts recently received by the library: Books, from W.H.P, Gilmore and E.D. Severance; flowers and plants, from Mrs. Porter Farwell and Mrs. E.D. Severance; games and puzzles, from Miss Hosmer and Mr. Brick.

The Woman's Education Association of Boston has loaned us a travelling library of books written in the German language. It is suggested that readers give these books their early attention, as the library is loaned only until March 1, 1915.

Edward J. Campbell has made a loan to the library of a very fine collection of Indian arrows, comprising 91 specimens; one tomahawk, one gouge, and a stuffed bird of the snipe variety. All but four of the Indian relics were picked up in Riverside; the four come from Wisconsin and are quite rare specimens. The arrows are all enclosed in a nice case.

Mrs. Elmer D. Severance has presented the library a very large and beautiful rubber plant. The trustees wish to extend their thanks for both of these contributions.

The two new book stacks have been installed in the stack room, and add very materially to the appearance of the library. They relieve the congestion caused by the many new volumes added this year.

October 28

Library Notes

The Strand Magazine for November contains a generous amount of excellent fiction and some highly interesting articles. One of the latter is "A Girl's Flight in a Zeppelin," described by Hanna Rion ver Beck, and some idea of the power of these instruments of destruction may be obtained by even a cursory glance at the very striking photographs. "How They 'Broke Into Print' " is continued, and this month deals with such well known writers as Kate Douglas Wiggin, Harold MacGrath and Louis Tracy. Sir Douglas Mawson brings to a conclusion the very remarkable account of his experiences in the Antarctic, and Prof. Ward describes "Some New Discoveries in. Natural History."

-The Turners Falls library has installed the Library of Congress index system which insures up-to-date cataloging of books and an accuracy not obtainable by any other system.

November 4

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 16 Christian Science - 2 Sociology - 1 Education-1 Language - 1
Latin Language - 1 French Language - 1 Health - 1 Literature - 2
Travel - 2 Biography - 2 History - 1 Juvenile - 2

Mrs. Elizabeth Toomey of Gill has presented to the library a stereoscope and many fine views.

November 25

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 6 Religion - 2 Literature - 1 History - 4 Useful Arts - 1

Mr. Brick has recently presented the library with a large number of pamphlets and pictures on agricultural subjects.

Library Notes

A large number of Polish and French books, is loaned to the library by the State Library Commission. The library is also supplied with a new lot of books in the German language and a few in the Russian language.

December 9

-Patrons of the Carnegie Library will be glad to learn that the library is now open every Monday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock as well as on the regular days Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons. This extra afternoon will be appreciated by every person who takes books and beside will relieve the librarians of some of the pressure which has always been very great on Monday evenings.

-The public library will be open every Sunday afternoon this winter, from 3 to 6 o'clock, for reading and reference only The library was open for the first time this season on last Sunday afternoon, and as the Sunday opening last winter was a great success, the Sunday opening this year will doubtless find equal favor with numerous patrons who are glad to have the opportunity to spend some of their leisure on Sunday in quiet reading and study at the library.

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 3	Philosophy - 2	Religion - 5	Political Economy -
Hygiene[sic] - 2	Business - 1	Drawing - 1	French Language - 1
Travel - 4	History - 6	Juvenile - 5	

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January 6

-The Millers Falls branch of the Montague town library, which has occupied two rooms in Ward's Block for the past 10 years, will have quarters in Powers Block after February 1.

January 13

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Philosophy - 1	Science - 2	Political Economy - 1
History - 9	Juvenile - 7	Literature - 1

-Miss Nellie Fitzgerald, teacher in the eighth grade, took her class to the library Tuesday afternoon of last Week for a demonstration of the proper use of reference books. The children are doing much reference work, and instruction in the use of such books at the library will be a benefit to all concerned.

January 27

-It is gratifying to learn that the circulation of books at the Turners Falls library is steadily and appreciably increasing. During the past 11 months the circulation increased 4200 over the 12 months of last year; a record to be proud of, surely. Since books in foreign languages have been added, many patrons have been added to the lists who otherwise would not visit the library.

February 3

Turners Falls Library Breaking All Records

Last Saturday, Jan. 30th, the Turners Falls library broke all its records for circulation of books, and the month of January set the high water mark for monthly circulation. On Saturday, 267 books were taken out, which is the greatest number ever distributed in one day since the establishment of the library. The largest day's circulation heretofore was 218 books, this number having been taken out on one Saturday last March. During the month of January, 2997 books were taken out, an increase of 297 books over any other previous month since the library was instituted, 2700 books being the largest month's distribution before this.

It is gratifying to note the increase in the reading habit among the residents of the town. Miss Partenheimer, the affable and efficient librarian, does everything in her power to aid the readers and is very helpful in her advice to those who wish it. The children, especially, are enthusiastic patrons of the library, and some of them are voracious readers. The library is about the best place in town for the young people to haunt evenings, and while it would be rash to say that all the reading done by children and their elders as well, is wisely done, still reading of any kind is better than no reading at all, and as our Turners Falls library has a wide variety of books on every imaginable vital and interesting subject, every taste but the depraved, may easily be gratified.

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 6	Fairy Tales - 2	Science - 4	Stories - 4
History - 9	Juvenile - 7	Literature - 3	Biography - 1
Readers and Speakers - 7		Useful Arts - 7	
Description and Travel - 10			

Carnegie Library - Turners Falls, Massachusetts

February 10

-The Millers Falls Library opened Saturday in its new quarters in Powers' Block.

February 24

-Miss Louise M. Partenheimer, librarian of the Carnegie Library, attended the annual meeting and banquet of the Western Massachusetts Library Club at Chicopee, last Wednesday.

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 8	Sociology - 2	Science - 1	Poetry - 1
History - 2	Juvenile - 5	Biography - 5	Useful Arts - 1

March 3

Town Meeting

Trustees of the Public Library for Three Years. Kate A. Armstrong, Lucy Hall, Alfred J. Nims, Margaret E. O'Keefe.

March 10

Town Business Meeting Appropriations

Town libraries, \$3250

March 17

-The regular monthly meeting of the Turners Falls Board of Trade was held in Library Hall Wednesday evening, and there was a good attendance. There were reports from different committees, including the committee on highways, who reported the progress made toward getting a piece of state highway between Northfield and Turners Falls.

March 24

-The clipping of pictures, etc., from periodicals at the library has caused so much damage to magazines that are to be bound, that the trustees have offered a reward of \$5 for information as to the identity of the readers who thus injure the library property.

March 31

Turners Falls Locals

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 24	Sociology - 2	Poetry - 1	Juvenile - 14	Biography - 1
Useful Arts - 3	Encyclopedias - 1		Economics - 3	Fine Arts - 2
Travel - 2				

April 7

A meeting was held in Library Hall this afternoon for the organization of a parent-teacher association in connection with the grade schools of Turners Falls.

April 21

Library Notes

Michael J. O'Keefe has presented the Library with a copy of the *Boston Sunday Herald*, of February 22nd, 1863. It is quite a different production from our present Sunday editions, being composed of four pages. The editor and proprietor at that time was E.C. Bailey. It is very interesting reading. The thanks of the Trustees are extended to Mr. O'Keefe for the gift.

The Library has received the 29th annual report of the Bancroft Memorial Library of Hopedale, sent by Miss Harriet B. Sornborger, the librarian, a former resident of this village and Riverside. There are two items in this report that are of special interest, viz.: Under the will of Lura B. Day, the library has received two most generous bequests, she bequeathing to the Town of Hopedale, \$20,000 to be invested in trust, the same and the net income to be expended by the Trustees of the Bancroft Memorial Library for the benefit of said library, in such a way and manner and for such purposes as said Trustees shall determine, said fund being in memory of Joseph B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft, and to be known as the Joseph B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft Fund. The other is a similar bequest of \$5000. Now this is exactly what we need for the Carnegie library. There are a great many very valuable books being published that are very much needed, but it is impossible for us to purchase, on account of lack of funds. In fact the only way to build up a really valuable library is to have a fund of this sort to use for the purchase of the more expensive books. We hope and trust that some of our well to do friends, who have made their money in Turners Falls, and wish to leave some memorial of public recognition behind them, will seriously consider the above proposition.

May 5

-The Carnegie Library will be closed Sundays, during the summer months, and will not be open until further notice. Last Sunday was the last day for Sunday opening until the fall.

May 12

-The annual meeting of the Woman's Club of Turners Falls will be held at Library hall next Tuesday afternoon, May 18th, at 3.30 o'clock. A social will follow with Mrs. Grace Briggs and Mrs. Clara Ward as hostesses.

-A meeting is being held in Library Hall this afternoon under the auspices of the Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage association. Mrs. Mary P. Wells Smith of Greenfield speaks on "The Progress of Woman," and Miss Susan Scott will relate the result of her canvass in town. A food sale in charge of Mrs. C. Edward Hazelton and Mrs. Walter H. Ray, Jr., follows the meeting, the proceeds of which will be used for the purpose of canvassing the voters of the town.

June 9

Turners Falls Locals

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 7 Juvenile - 16 Travel - 5

-The regular monthly meeting of the Turners Falls Board of Trade will be held in Library hall this evening. The Board of Managers will submit the list of committees as made out by them for the approval of the meeting.

June 30

-Vacation reading has started in at the Turners Falls library. The first day it was started over 50 books were taken out by the children.

Turners Falls Locals

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 7 Psychology, Economics, Education - 8 Stories - 3
Literature - 2 Biography - 11 History - 3 Juvenile - 9
Travel - 3 Magic, Mythology, Fairy Tales - 7 Science - 9
Travel, Biography, History - 8 Fine and Useful Art - 2

The vacation reading for the children has begun and will be continued until the first week of September.

Beginning with September the library will be open to the public on Wednesday afternoons. This will make the library open to the public every week-day afternoon and evening with the exception of Friday afternoon.

July 21

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 6 Non-Fiction - 4 Stories - 3 Juvenile - 22

August 25

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 12 Non-Fiction - 8 Juvenile - 12

September 29

[The Schools and the Library](#)

The Carnegie Public Library is now open every week-day afternoon (except Friday) from two until six o'clock. Teachers are requested to urge the children to use the library during the afternoon hours, as more assistance can then be given them in their work and reading, by the librarian. Children will not be allowed in the library after eight o'clock in the evening, but it is hoped that all who possibly can, will use the library in the afternoon. If teachers will notify the librarian in advance, when a number of pupils are being sent to the library for a special subject, the librarian will have all the available material upon that subject, ready and reserved for them.

Children who come for reference work are requested to bring their own paper and pencils, as the library can not[sic] afford to supply them with these articles. Clean hands for handling books are much to be desired. If a child loses his or her library card, a charge of five cents will be made for a new card, or the child may wait one week before drawing another book.

The librarian will be glad to receive from the teachers any recommendations of specific books for purchase. Teachers may borrow books "on study." These books will be charged for six weeks, and will not be due until one month from the last date stamped on the book-pocket. After that time, the regular charge of two cents a day will be made for each day overdue, unless some further arrangement is made with the librarian. No card is required for "on study" books, as the "on study" privilege applies only to non-fiction and to some standard fiction.

The library now has a number of stereoscopic photographs, which may be borrowed by teachers for school use. The library also has a large collection of flat pictures on various subjects, which are available for school use.

One hundred and forty-one readers started the Vacation Reading course; 58 readers finished the course.

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 6 Non-Fiction - 7

Makers of the Nation, A new set of books in the Polish language and a set of books in the Italian language have been loaned to the library by the Free Public Library Commission. Lithuanian books have also been received this week.

October 6

Library Notes

Through the efforts of W.H.P. Gilmore, the Chicago Society of Etchers have[sic] sent to the library 175 etchings by modern artists. This collection is to be on exhibition at the library for the next two weeks. This gives the people of Turners Falls and vicinity an unusual opportunity to see the work of some of the foremost living American etchers. Nearly fifty artists are represented. There are comparatively few people that realize the artistic merit of an etching, but when they discover an etching not over seven by nine inches, by Cameron, Whistler or Seymour Haden, sells in the open market for from seventy-five to one thousand dollars, they come to a realizing sense of the real merit of such work. The public are invited to inspect this collection while on exhibition at the library.

October 20

Library Notes

Through an arrangement with the Chicago Society of Etchers, the collection of etchings will continue on exhibition at the library through the month of October. This collection is so large that it is impossible to exhibit all of them at any one time, so they are changed each week, about 70 etchings being on exhibition at a time.

A Letter of Appreciation

It is with great pleasure that the trustees have permission to make public the following letter, received from Francis S. Brick, Superintendent of Schools:

Turners Falls, Mass., 7th, 1915. Mt. W.H.P. Gilmore,

Turners Falls, Mass. Dear Sir:—

I am taking this opportunity to express to you my great appreciation of the public library service during the last year, to the schools.

The amount and kind of work being done by the Carnegie library for the children in Turners Falls, during the last year has been exceedingly valuable, and I feel that the least

that the educational department could do is to acknowledge its appreciation to the librarian and her forces, and to the Board who have control of the library.

During the last year and during the immediate past summer a good deal of organized and effective work along the lines of helpfulness to the children in their reading has been accomplished. I feel that the school department is exceedingly fortunate in respect to this service.

I would be glad if you would convey my appreciation and the appreciation of the school department to Miss Partenheimer.

Very sincerely yours,
Francis S. Brick

November 10

-The library now receives as a gift "The Spiritual Alliance Weekly." Also there can be found at the library copies of a Bohemian paper, "Hospodar." "The School Arts" magazine has again been added to the list of magazines, for the benefit of the teachers.

-The regular monthly meeting of the Turners Falls Board of Trade will be held at Library Hall this evening at eight o'clock. Frederick Butler of Greenfield is to address the meeting. Mr. Butler, who is connected with the Greenfield Gaslight Co., will speak upon "The Combined Advantages of Turners Falls and Greenfield."

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 10 Non-Fiction - 5 Juvenile - 9

December 1

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 12 Non-Fiction - 16 Foreign Books - 3 Juvenile - 11

Library Notes

Miss Lucy Stoughton of Riverside has presented the library with a bound volume of the "Youth's Companion" for the year 1831, also a bound volume of "The New England Farmer" for the years 1831-33.

One interested Polish citizen has given the library about twenty books and pamphlets written in the Polish language.

The library has added to its magazine list the following titles: Pictorial Review, Garden Magazine, Musician, School Arts Magazine.

December 8

-The Carnegie library reading room is open Sunday afternoons during the winter from 3 to 6 o'clock. The library is open for readers only, as no books are issued.

Library Notes

The library has recently received a large number of public documents from Senator John Haigis.

Louis Little has presented the library with several books on religion.

The German societies, Columbia and Gustav Adolph lodges, have presented the library with 9 books relating to the German people, places and things.

December 15

-The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Dec. 21st at Library Hall, at which time the Philanthropic committee will receive donations for Christmas. Either baskets of groceries or money will be acceptable, as the committee can use both in helping to make a happy Christmas for some one.

December 22

-The Montague Center Library has received as a gift from an occasional visitor, Richardson Wright editor of *House and Garden*, three book of which he is the author, also "Confessions of a Clergyman," written by Rollin Lynde Hartt, a former minister at Leverett, who has been specializing in literature of this class for some years.

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January 5

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 20	General Works - 1	Religion - 3	
Science - 1	Literature - 10	Travel	&
Description - 3			
Biography - 13	History - 10	Young People - 15	

January 12

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Primers and Readers - 10

Gifts of books, pamphlets, pictures and magazines have been received from Louis Little, Peter Jasinski, Master Joseph Briggs, F.S. Brick and W.H.P. Gilmore.

Girls' Club to be Organized

At a special open meeting held at Library Hall last evening by the Woman's Club of Turners Falls and others interested, preliminary steps were taken to insure the formation of a Girls' club for Turners Falls. Miss Ethel Hobart of Boston, an expert in such work, was present and addressed the meeting telling of the scope of such a Girls' Club and of what an organization of this kind might hope to do. All present were very enthusiastic. Miss Marion O'Keefe of the Hotel Grand Trunk was appointed chairman of the committee to work up further interest in the prospective club, and to see as to ways and means for getting the project under way. Miss Hobart will come here again next month, and remain a week working among the girls and organizing the club.

The Woman's Club, who are giving the initial impetus to the Girls' Club, will stand back of the enterprise with necessary support until the girls have perfected their organization and get it on a stable basis.

A Polish Lecture

A free public lecture, in Polish, will be given at Library Hall next Wednesday evening, Jan. 19, at eight o'clock, by S. Grzywowski,[sic] who is sent here by the Director of the Work among the Foreign Population of the staff of the State Board of Education. Mr. Grzywowski's subject will be "Opportunities for the Poles in America," and it is hoped that everyone who understands the Polish language will be present and hear this address.

March 8

Dillin Wallace, the eminent explorer and author, will give an illustrated lecture on "Explorations in Labrador," at Library Hall on Tuesday evening, March 14, under the auspices of the local Boy Scouts. It is not often that Turners Falls people have an opportunity to hear from the lips of an explorer himself an account of his explorations in little known regions, so that Mr. Wallace's lecture should be largely attended. That it will be very interesting goes without saying.

March 15

Superintendent of Schools Francis S. Brick has presented the library with 21 books suitable for young readers.

-Miss Louise Partenheimer of Greenfield, librarian at the Turners Falls library, has not been able to attend to her duties the past week because of injuries sustained in a fall, which have kept her housed.

The Town's Business Meeting

For the town libraries, it was voted to appropriate \$3200, together with the Dog Fund, to be divided as follows: \$2200 with one-half the Dog fund, for Turners Falls branch; \$500 and quarter of the Dog fund for Millers Falls, branch and \$500 and quarter of the dog fund for the Montague Center branch library.

March 22

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Adult Fiction - 19 Adult Non-Fiction - 23 Juvenile Fiction - 18

March 29

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Juvenile Non-Fiction - 27

- Librarian Miss Louise S. Partenheimer has resumed her duties at the Carnegie Library, after having been confined to her home for several weeks because of injuries caused by a fall on an icy sidewalk.

April 5

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Juvenile Non-Fiction - 27

May 3

-The Carnegie Public Library will be closed Sundays until December. Up to date, the total Sunday attendance at the library has been 1060, or an average of about 50 people using the reading rooms on each Sunday of the winter months.

May 10

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Sociology - 4 Fine and Useful Arts - 12 Literature - 8 Travel, Biography, History - 3

May 24

-Librarian Miss Louise Partenheimer has prepared a list of books suitable for vacation reading for the boys and girls his summer and the lists will soon be distributed among the school children. The list comprises some 50 titles and has been selected with discrimination. Beside furnishing amusement and recognizing children's love of stories where something happens, the books also include some in which instruction and information are administered in such form that knowledge will be pleasantly assimilated.

Choral Society Music Now at the Carnegie Public Library

The Carnegie library has received as a gift all of the music which was formerly used by the now defunct Turners Falls Choral Society, This consists mainly of four part songs. This music may be borrowed from the library under the same rules which apply to the books.

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Books for Younger Readers - 27

June 7

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Books for Younger Readers - 15

June 14

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Non-Fiction - 14

June 21

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Juvenile - 23

June 28

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Juvenile - 17

July 5

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 12

Library Notes

The "vacation reading" has proved to be more popular than ever before. There are now 158 active readers. The library hopes to have a "story telling hour" for the different grades during the summer.

July 12

Library Notes

The following books and pamphlets on the European war have been presented to the library. Several months ago the library received several volumes from the German societies, on the German side of the question. This latest set is mostly on the other side of the question. It is a good thing to read both sides thoroughly and then form one's own opinion.

An American Opinion of British Colonial Policy, by Poultney Biglow

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Speech by Sir Edward Grey on the Strategy of the War A Reply to the Emperor of Austria and the German Chancellor, by Signer Antinio Salandra

The New Leviathan, by Alexander Grey

Militarism; German and British, by Anthony Hope

Correspondence with the United States Ambassador, respecting the execution of Miss Cavell at Brussels

The British Share in the War, by H.A.L. Fisher

The Revelations of the Budget, by Archibald Hurd

The Destruction of Belgium, by E. Grimwood Mean

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Polish Books - 9 Juvenile Books - 4

July 19

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 10

July 26

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Music - 2 Juvenile - 6

-Miss Louise Partenheimer, librarian at the Turners Falls library, is spending her vacation in Boston and vicinity. She is attending lectures being given for library workers.

September 6

-The Board of Health have[sic] made an order excluding all children in town under the age of 16 years, from the Turners Falls library until further notice. This is a "safety first" measure against Infantile Paralysis.

September 20

-Pictures of the beautiful towns and Cities on the English coast have been loaned to the library by the Woman's Education Association of Boston. These pictures are on exhibition at the library reference room.

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Juvenile - 15

October 4

Library Notes

Great interest is being shown in the photographs taken at the library for the use of the State Commission at their summer library school. The photographs show eighth grade children making use of the library in various ways under supervision.

Carnegie Library - Turners Falls, Massachusetts

The library has received from the Public Service Commission of the State, two interesting maps, one of street railways of Massachusetts and the other of railroads of Massachusetts. The State Board of Health has also sent several pamphlets on infantile paralysis.

Copies of "The Mexican Review," a magazine devoted to the enlightenment of the American people in regard to the hopes and ambitions of the constitutionalist government of the republic of Mexico, and copies of "Ireland," a weekly periodical devoted to the interests of Ireland and to the support and preservation of self-government, have recently been received at the library.

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Non-Fiction - 11 Juvenile - 1

October 11

Library Notes

The library will be closed all day Thursday, Oct. 12.

New French books have been sent to the library by the Woman's Education Association of Boston. The books are a loan to the library for such a period of time as they may prove of use and benefit to the people.

-The next meeting of the Woman's Club will be held at Library Hall on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 17. Miss Margaret Howard of the Franklin County Farm Bureau will speak on "Home Economics." Tea will be served, and a large attendance is desired.

October 18

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Non-Fiction - 12

-The library would appreciate any gifts of old magazines which may be used for the picture collection. Club programs, programs or bills of any events taking place in town, snap-shots of public buildings or post cards of residences, etc., will be much appreciated as additions to the "local material" collection.

October 25

-Miss Louise Partenheimer, librarian at the Carnegie library, has been having a vacation the past week and attended the meetings of the Massachusetts and New Hampshire librarians' convention held at Greenfield. Misses Norma Farwell, Christine Green and Margaret Berard substituted at the library during Miss Partenheimer's absence.

November 1

[New Books at Carnegie Public Library](#)

Non-Fiction - 6 Juvenile - 3 Fiction - 2

November 15

[New Books at Carnegie Public Library](#)

German Language - 5 Fiction - 4 Biography - 3

-Beginning Dec. 1, the Turners Falls library will be open on Sunday afternoons from three to six o'clock, during the winter.

-The librarian of the Turners Falls library, Miss Louise Partenheimer, attended the dedication exercises of the Tilton Memorial library at South Deerfield, last evening.

November 28

[Library Notes](#)

The library will be closed Thanksgiving day.

Beginning with next Sunday the library will be open from 3 to 6 p.m. for reading and reference.

[New Books at Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 13

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January 3

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 6 Juvenile Fiction - 7

January 17

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Non-Fiction - 19

January 24

[Library Notes](#)

On Monday of this week, (just eleven years after the opening of the library building for the drawing of books,) the librarian began a series of talks on the library and its uses and departments. These talks are to be given to the pupils of the two highest grammar grades.

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Non-Fiction - 22

-Superintendent of Schools F.S. Brick addressed the Woman's Club at Library Hall last week on "Byways of Poetry." There was music by Misses Norma Farwell and Florence Argy, and refreshments were served.

-The sub freshman class of the Turners Falls High school, numbering about 70, visited the library in a body with their teachers Monday afternoon, and heard an instructive talk by the librarian, Miss Louise Partenheimer, on the purposes and uses of libraries.

February 14

Library Notes

A unique observance of the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday is being shown at the library this week. It, consists of 24 reproductions in wood engravings and half tones, of Lincoln's portraits, taken from paintings and photographs, showing the date and by whom made. The wood engravings shown are by such eminent artists as Timothy Cole, Thomas Johnson, Wyart Eaton and others. These reproductions are from W.H. Gilmore's private collection of noted men and women, and will be on exhibition during this week.

February 27

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 6 Non-Fiction - 8

March 7

Library Notes

The collection of etchings owned by W.H.P. Gilmore is on exhibition in the reference room at the library, for this week and next. They comprise about sixty examples of the art of etching in its various phases, such as dry-point, aquatint, mezzo-tint and straight etching. Some quite noted artists are represented. Several pieces are shown by Alphonse Legroe, an eminent French artist; a Venetian scene by Otto H. Bacher; "The Devil's Way," a gem in aqua-tint, by Stephen J. Ferris, and ten small plates by, J. A. S. Monks, the best of which are "The Lost Lamb" and "The Patriarch;" sixteen dainty scenes near Cambridge and the Charles river by Louis K. Harlow. An original Rembrandt engraved in 1640, is quite a curiosity, also a fine copy of Albert Durer's "Knight, Death and the Devil" engraved in 1513. There are other examples by such noted artists as James D. Smilie, H. Swaine Clifford, Stephen Parrish and many others.

March 14

[Town of Montague Business Meeting](#)

For libraries, \$3750, divided as follows:

\$2700 and half Dog Fund for Turners Falls.

\$550 " quarter " " " Millers Falls.

\$500 " " " " " Montague Centre.

[Library Notes](#)

Rev. Thomas H. Vincent has placed in the library as a loan, a very unique and complete collection of Indian relics, consisting of tomahawks, battle axes, pestles chisels, gouges, and a large number of arrows and spear heads, and other articles of stone used by the Indians. The collection comprises nearly four hundred specimens, and was collected by Mr. Vincent principally in Connecticut. This, in connection with the Commodore Smith collection, loaned by John Jamison, and the Barton collection, and the collection presented by Mr. Campbell, brings the number of specimens up to about thirteen hundred, and is well worth an inspection.

March 21

[Library Notes](#)

The library has been particularly fortunate in being able to secure an original lithograph of Turners Falls engraved on lithographic stone by Pendleton in 1835. The sketch was drawn by a Mrs. Hitchcock. It gives a view of Turners Falls from the Gill side of the river, and shows the old ferry road, the Goddard and Taft houses, a fine view of the dam with the first set of locks, at the head of the canal. This lithograph was picked up in an old print shop in Boston, and the Trustees feel that the library and town are very fortunate in securing a copy. Probably there are very few copies in existence now.

March 28

[Library Notes](#)

Monday was a record day at the library, and is a red letter occasion in library annals, because on that day, 62 non-fiction books were issued against 68 volumes of fiction. Usually, as in every library in the country, the number of volumes of fiction issued every day in the year is about ten or a dozen times in excess of the non-fiction. On Monday, it will be noted, only six more volumes of fiction were drawn than of the more serious, and substantial works.

The librarian feels much gratified at this showing, as she has been giving a series of talks to the ninth grade public school pupils upon how to use the library, especially as regards reference works, and as a means to acquire help in school work. That the pupils

have been profiting by this series of talks and by the emphasis laid upon reference work by the teachers is evident by a showing like that of Monday. While the pupils of course, are not wholly responsible for the new record made, a little leaven does great work in the lump.

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 5 Non-Fiction - 7

April 25

Library Notes

The Carnegie Public Library has recently received from the Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy, the following books on Christian Science by Mary Baker Eddy: Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures (German). Miscellaneous Writings. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany.

Also the following periodicals: The Christian Science Journal (monthly). Christian Science Sentinel (weekly). The Christian Science Monitor (daily).

This literature has been presented without cost to the library, and is to be placed at the disposal of the reading public as soon as it has been catalogued.

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 2 Non-Fiction - 7

May 9

-The Turners Falls branch of the Red Cross now meets at Library Hall instead of at the Girls' Club, as heretofore. The meeting times are on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from two to five o'clock. More workers are needed, and every patriotic woman is urged to give a portion of her time to this Red Cross work. Many ladies who cannot conveniently come to the rooms are doing some work at home.

New Books at the Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 2 Non-Fiction - 8

May 16

Helpful Books at Carnegie Public Library

The library has many pamphlets obtained from the state and federal government and many bulletins from the Massachusetts Agricultural college, which deal with the preparation and conservation of foods, poultry raising, farming problems, gardening, crops, etc.

By listing and, exhibiting its books and pamphlets on present day problems, the library may do its share in assisting the Massachusetts Committees on Public Safety. Some of the books of special interest at this time when food conservation and increase and allied subjects are of such great importance are the following:

Household Economics.

Babcock, Household Hints

Scott, Home Labor Saving Devices

Cookery.

Bitting, Canning as how to use Canned Foods

Farmer, Boston Cooking School Cook Book

Hill, Canning, Preserving and Jelly Making

Earned, New Hostess of To-day

Reed, One Thousand Salads

Soyer, Paper Bag Cookery

Williams, Theory and Practice of Cookery

Gardening

Fessenden, American Kitchen Garden

Henderson, Gardening for Profit

Watson, American Home Garden

McBride, Home and Garden Making Books, 7 vols.

Cable, Amateur Gardener

Church, Home Garden

Ely, Practical Flower Garden

Kemp, How to Lay Out a Garden

Harris, Insects Injurious to Vegetation

O'Kane, Injurious Insects

Weed, Farm Friends and Farm Foes

Poultry

Brown, Poultry Husbandry

Patterson, Twenty Lessons on Poultry

Valentine, Beginner in Poultry

June 6

-The Turners Falls Library has received from the Massachusetts Agricultural College of Amherst Extension Service, seven books on different phases of household economics, which will be of help to those who are taking the lessons in the study of food being given by Miss Howard at the High school every Thursday afternoon. The books are recommended by Miss Howard.

Turners Falls Locals

Library Notes

Special vacation privileges begin June 18. Anyone leaving the town for the summer months or part of them may have their books charged until October first. An unlimited number of non-fiction and from one to six books of fiction may be charged on one- card with the exception of the "seven day" books and the new non-fiction.

"Vacation reading" for the children Will begin July first. A list of one hundred and seventy books has been prepared for this reading.

Books received from Massachusetts Agricultural College at the suggestion of Miss Margaret Howard of the Farm Bureau:

Richardson, Woman who spends
Kinne, Foods and household management
Kinne, Shelter and clothing
Buell, One woman's work for farm women
Frederick, New housekeeping
Richards, First lessons in food and diet
----- Life of Ellen H. Richards

June 13

Library Notes

An innovation is to be tried at the Turners Falls library for the last two weeks in June, beginning June 18th. These weeks will be known as "bargain weeks," and during this period, all overdue books may be returned without the payment of any fines whatsoever. It makes no difference whether the library book you have is overdue a long time or a short time, no fines will be collected on it if the book is returned during these two bargain weeks. This inducement is made so that all outstanding over-due books may be returned at this time. The librarian is particularly anxious to have returned Edward Everett Hale's "Lights of Two Centuries" and the 42d volume of the *New England Magazine*, both of which valuable books were taken from the library some time ago.

June 20

A total of \$238,000 was subscribed for Liberty Loan Bonds in Turners Falls, through the local Liberty Loan Committee. A record to be proud of, surely.

June 27

-The Turners Falls branch of the Red Cross now holds its meetings in the basement of St. Mary's church, instead of in Library Hall as heretofore. The new meeting place, made possible through the courtesy of Rev. L.J. Purcell, gives the workers more room and

better working conditions, as Library Hall was not well suited for the purpose for the increase in Red Cross workers.

July 4

[Library Notes](#)

Mrs. Josephine Foster of Seventh street has given several books in the French language to the library. In one week, the library has registered 170 "vacation readers."

July 18

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 1 Non-Fiction - 1 Juvenile Fiction - 11

August 1

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 2 Non-Fiction - 12 Juvenile Fiction - 1

-The library now receives each day a copy of the evening edition of the Springfield Union.

August 15

[Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Non-Fiction - 6 Juvenile Non-Fiction - 19

August 22

[Library Notes](#)

The state has sent out a second appeal to the libraries for contributions of books and magazines for the soldiers, because the response to the first appeal has been unexpectedly small. The librarian feels that Turners Falls has reason to be proud of itself in this respect, as, after our second appeal to the people, contributions have been coming in, so that we now have about 300 magazines and 30 books for the soldiers. The librarian recently visited the library of a city a few miles south of us and was told by the librarian that not one book or magazine had been sent in for this purpose. Let us keep up the good work.

August 29

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 3 Non-Fiction - 13

September 19

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 7 Books for Younger Readers - 8

Vacation Reading.

During the summer there were 260 vacation readers. Of these, 109 read 10 books apiece, 28 read 20 books, and three read 30 books. The fifth grade pupils lead in the number of readers, as 45 from this grade finished the course.

September 26

-Turners Falls people are expected and urged to contribute \$300 as their share toward the million dollar fund being raised during this week, which is camp library week, for the purpose of buying books and maintaining and equipping camp libraries and supplying a million books for a million men. Contributions may be left with or sent to the local librarian.

-The Liberty Loan Committee of this town are asked to attend a meeting to be held at the banking rooms of the Crocker National Bank, on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 27th, at four o'clock, in regard to making plans for the next Liberty loan campaign which begins Oct. 1.

October 3

[Library Receives Food Saving Manuals from National Emergency Food Garden Commission](#)

The librarian of the Turners Falls Carnegie Library has received from the National Emergency Food Garden Commission of Washington a bundle of storage manuals for distribution in the food saving campaign. These manuals are free and additional copies may be had by readers by writing to Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the National Emergency Food Garden Commission, 210-220 Maryland building, Washington, D. C.

The Commission has been conducting a nation wide[sic] food saving campaign and is now offering \$5,000 in prizes for the best canned vegetables grown in war gardens.

A close estimate, based on early reports to the Commission, says the women of the country have placed 460,000,000 jars of canned stuff on the pantry shelves this year.

[Library Notes](#)

The following is the committee serving as the Turners Falls Library War Council: A.R. Smith; C.W. Hazelton, J.D. Thomas, F.C. Haigis, Rev. T.H. Vincent, Rev. H.F. Kern, Rev. S.C. Zdebell. Rev. J.W. Casey, Rev. L.J. Purcell, Rev. R. Greengrass, F.S. Brick, F.W. Hance, E.L. Page, N.P. Farwell, Porter Farwell, L.E. Vatet, Geo. McCarthy

W.H. Croft, H. Kellogg, W.B. Marston, W.H. Ray, Jr., C.W. Schuler, Anthony Crean, A.E. Martel, Rev. J.B. Robinson, trustees library, and, the librarian, Miss Partenheimer.

About one half of the \$300.00 which is Turners Falls share of the \$1,000,000.00 campaign for soldiers' libraries was raised during the Camp Library week. The Council decided to continue seeking subscriptions during this week, at the request of the Division Director, C.D. Belden of Boston.

A meeting of the Council will be held at Library hall, this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

October 10

Library Notes

The library has recently purchased a large scale war map of the Western front containing a complete index of over 7,000 names. This has been placed in the reading room, easily accessible to all.

Turners Falls Raises Over \$300.00 for "Camp Libraries"

The trustees and librarian of Carnegie public library wish to extend their hearty thanks and appreciation to the other members of the Library War Council for their earnest generous efforts to raise the required quota for the "Camp Libraries" fund, and to the following, who contributed to the fund so willingly and generously, thus making Turners Falls one of the seventy cities and towns of Massachusetts, which have already exceeded their quota.

We also wish to extend thanks to the [Reporter](#) for the courtesy and for the space which was given to us to advertise this campaign.

On October 5th, Massachusetts, in proportion to its population, led the country in contributions and pledges for this War Library Fund. Contracts for the library buildings, furniture and equipment have been given, and the buildings are to be ready for occupancy in six weeks' time

Letters of congratulation and appreciation of Turners Falls' work have been received at the library from the members of the council at Washington. Following is one of the letters:

WAR SERVICE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

OCT. 1, 1917. Miss LOUISE S. PARTENHEIMER,

Public Library, Turners Falls, Mass.; Dear Miss Partenheimer:

This can be only a note to express some measure of the congratulations which the Library War Council sends you on the patriotic response of Turners Falls to our Nation's need.

Cordially yours,

HAROLD BRADDOCK, Director.

Carnegie Library - Turners Falls, Massachusetts

-The regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 16, at three o'clock, in Library Hall. After the business meeting, Mrs. C.W. Bardwell of Montague will talk on "Our Native Trees."

October 17

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 2 Non-Fiction - 12

October 24

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Juvenile Non-Fiction - 18

October 31

[Library Notes](#)

Samples of the scrap books and of the post-card folders, which have been made by the ninth grade pupils, are on exhibition at the library. All material for these books and folders may be left at the library.

Magazines and books for the soldiers have been received from the following people: Mrs. A.R. Smith, Miss E. Allen, C. Hazelton, Mrs. V. Sprague, Mrs. Farnsworth, W.H.P. Gilmore, T.H. Reynolds, Mrs. H.E. Tucker.

November 7

[Library Notes](#)

Twenty-five scrap books and post card folders, made by the pupils of the ninth grade, were sent to Boston last week to be forwarded to the hospitals for the soldiers.

A large box of books and magazines given by citizens of the town was sent to Ayer this week.

November 14

-The children's room at the Turners Falls library closes at 6 o'clock in the evening during the winter months and will not be open to readers after that hour. This will give older patrons of the library an opportunity to find quiet and rest, and will also save on lights and service.

December 5

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 7 Non-Fiction - 4

-The public library is now open to readers, Sunday afternoons during the winter, having been opened for the first time this season, last Sunday.

December 12

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 13

[Library Notes](#)

The library has fifty new books in the French and German languages. These books have been loaned by the State Commission.

The library has a new set of reference books, called "The library of original sources."

December 19

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

New Fiction - 11

December 26

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

New Fiction - 1 Non-Fiction - 16

1918

January 9

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Non-Fiction - 16

January 16

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 6 For Younger Readers - 8

February 13

[Library Notes](#)

All previous records for the past year were broken on Saturday and Sunday at the library: 284 books were given out on Saturday, and on Sunday 144 readers visited the library.

February 20

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 4 Non-Fiction - 8

-At the regular meeting of the Woman's Club, held yesterday afternoon, at Library Hall, the club was addressed by Rev. Dr. J.P. Kennedy of Greenfield. Rev. Thomas H. Vincent of Turners Falls, who was to have been the speaker, was unable to be present.

February 27

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 2 Non-Fiction - 5

March 13

[Library Notes](#)

Books for our soldiers and sailors are needed for the War Service Libraries. The men want books for their leisure hours, for recreation and for study. During the week of March 18 to 25, a special book campaign is to be conducted by the American Library Association. Please bring all books which you can spare for the soldiers to the library during the week of March 18 to 25.

New Fiction

Bindloss, Girl from Kella's
Van Scharch, Top floor Idyl
Weston, Apple Tree Girl
Peat, Private Peat

March 20

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Non-Fiction - 7

"Books for Soldiers" Week. Don't forget to bring your books to the library for the soldiers.

March 27

[Books for Soldiers](#)

Librarian Miss Louise S. Partenheimer of the Turners Falls Library reports that 220 books were delivered at the library the past week for the soldiers. Of this number, 105 were collected by the sub-freshman class of the Turners Falls High school, who made a special drive for this purpose during books for soldiers' week. The pupils deserve a good deal of credit for gathering these books, and their help is certainly appreciated.

[Library Notes](#)

After April 1, no books except non-fiction, books for study, and the penny-a-day copies of fiction will be reserved for patrons. The librarian is making this new rule in fairness to all patrons of the library as the reservation privilege has been over-done.

April 17

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 4 Non-Fiction - 5

April 24

-On account of Friday being Liberty Loan Day, the public library will not be open.

May 7

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 4 Non-Fiction - 3

[Library Notes](#)

The Food Administrator for Massachusetts has recognized the fact that librarians can handle publications more effectively than any other existing organization. A system of distribution has been worked out utilizing the libraries as depositories for Food Administration material. The Carnegie library has received the first bulletin, sent under the new plan. The bulletin is entitled "Until Next Harvest."

May 22

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Non-Fiction - 7

May 29

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 3 Non-Fiction - 4

June 12

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 4 Non-Fiction - 9

[Library Notes](#)

Mrs. F. W. Galbraith, Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H.P. Gilmore of Turners Falls, has presented to the library, a beautifully carved Chinese idol. It stands nearly three feet high, and is in the attitude of digging in the earth with a spade; a large carved bird is at his feet, the base being formed of a tangle of roots, on which the idol stands. This is a genuine antique and a very valuable acquisition to the historical portion of the library. The thanks of the trustees are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith for this valuable gift. L.E. Vatet has presented to the library a beautifully embroidered Mexican "love-belt."

June 26

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 5 Non-Fiction - 6

[Library Notes](#)

170 readers have started the vacation reading. This is a good record as the reading began on Saturday, June 22, and 170 readers is the record for two afternoons.

July 3

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 13

July 10

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Non-Fiction - 9

-A Red Cross home nursing class has been organized here, with an enrollment of 18 young ladies. The class has met in Library Hall, but meets hereafter in the Baptist church vestry. Miss Darrow, a trained nurse from Greenfield, is the instructress, and the young women are very enthusiastic over the work.

July 17

-Miss Louise Partenheimer of Greenfield, librarian at the Turners Falls library, is taking her annual vacation which she is spending at Sunapee Lake and at Massachusetts beaches. Miss Dorothy Hood, Miss Margaret Berard and Mrs. Dorothy Stoughton have charge of the library during Miss Partenheimer's absence.

August 14

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 4 Non-Fiction - 5

September 25

-The Turners Falls library will be closed to-morrow, (Thursday), because of the Greenfield fair.

October 2

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 10 Non-Fiction - 7

October 9

-Librarian Miss Louise Partenheimer has just received from the State Free Library Commission, a collection of 80 books in the French, German, and Polish languages. These books in foreign languages are in demand by readers who are not yet thoroughly familiar with English.

November 6

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 10 Non-Fiction - 7

November 27

-Julian A. Holmes has recently given to the public library a portfolio of famous modern paintings and several books. He has also given to the historical room several spinning wheels and a contrivance for holding large bails of wool.

December 4

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 11 Non-Fiction - 10

December 11

[New Books at the Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 8 Non-Fiction - 2

1919

January 22

[New Books at Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 10 Non-Fiction - 3

-The ninth grade school pupils, under the supervision of their teacher, Miss Fitzgerald, are visiting the library in three divisions, on certain afternoons in order to become familiar with the catalog and the reference books in the library. Each pupil is given a certain subject to look up, and consults and lists every authority the library affords in the research. In this way, the pupils become thoroughly familiar with the library and able to use it intelligently. They are given due credit for this work.

January 29

[Library Notes](#)

Last Saturday was the banner day at the public library this winter, the largest number of books of the winter being issued on that day. The number issued was over 327, which is almost as many as the highest record in the library's history.

Supervisor of Music Carl Borgwald is giving to the library, weekly, his copy of *Musical America*, a magazine which all musicians and lovers of music will doubtless be glad to see, as it gives all the current news of the musical world and much important matter relating to music. Members of the Community chorus may be especially interested.

February 5

[Library Notes](#)

The Woman's Education Association of Boston have loaned their traveling library on French Art to the Carnegie Library until August 1,1919. The library consists of fifteen books and one hundred and thirty photographs.

The library also has on hand slips upon which are printed directions on how to find a book in the library. Also a quarterly list of new technical and industrial books. These slips are for free distribution.

February 19

[New Books at Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 9

Non-Fiction - 5

-The students in manual training at the High school have just completed, under the direction of Gordon Toby, supervisor of manual training, a neat hanging book case which has been attached to the book stack back of the librarian's desk at the public library. The new book case is well made And substantial and is a practical piece of work. The case has been filled by the librarian with a special collection of books relating to housekeeping, home making, the care of children, and other subjects of especial interest to housekeepers. The librarian intends to change these collections frequently and patrons of the library who form the habit of investigating the contents of this special case will be well repaid and will get a more practical idea of the library's wealth of resources. Another similar case, but of different construction is being, made, and this too, when completed, will be devoted to special purposes.

-W.H.P. Gilmore has presented some fine steel engravings of Washington, Lincoln and General Pershing to the library, and they have been appropriately framed and placed in the reading room.

March 19

[New Books at Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 5

[Library Notes](#)

Miss Louise Partenheimer, librarian at the Carnegie library, has begun the holding of a special "children's hour" for the benefit of the school children. This special hour will be every Thursday afternoon, from four to five o'clock, and each of the grades in the schools from the second to the eighth grades inclusive, will be entertained on successive Thursday afternoons. Last Thursday Miss Partenheimer gave the first of these special hours, entertaining the pupils of the eighth grade with stories of the children of France, the object

being to promote a greater degree of patriotism, and love for others. This Thursday, the seventh grade pupils will be entertained. Each program will be different and adapted to the ages of the children to be entertained. Tickets of invitation are issued and of the 50 given out last week, 43 recipients were on deck at the appointed hour.

The special book case at the library this week is devoted to books on "Some People Worth Knowing." These special collections are changed every two weeks, instead of every week as heretofore, as the weekly change was found to be too frequent for patrons who are prevented from coming to the library each week.

April 9

[New Books at Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 18

April 16

[New Books at Carnegie Public Library](#)

Non-Fiction - 11

April 23

[New Books at Carnegie Public Library](#)

Fiction - 7

April 30

[New Books at Carnegie Public Library](#)

Non-Fiction - 21

-The valuable exhibit presented to the Carnegie Library by the McLane Silk Co., and which shows the process of the manufacture of silk from the silk worm cocoons to the finished product, is very instructive, beside being interesting, and should be inspected by everyone who is interested in the why and how of the wonders which are no less wonderful because so common.

July 2

[Special Town Meeting](#)

Article 12 - To see if the town will raise by taxation and appropriate a sum of money to pay for extra repairs and maintenance of the Turners Falls Branch Library

-The articles regarding acceptance of streets in Park Villa and extra repairs and maintenance of the library were passed over.

July 16

-Vacation reading is very popular with the children at the Carnegie Library. At present there are 270 readers with an average of 170 books taken out daily. Prizes of Perry pictures are awarded at the close of the vacation season.

July 23

-Librarian Louise S. Partenheimer attended the convention of librarians in Boston last week.

August 13

-A record was made during the month of July by the many readers who take advantage of the many privileges offered at the library. The total number of books taken out during the month was 4701 as compared with 3844 last year in the same month. The vacation readers took 1900 books and exceeded their record of last year.

September 3

-The Carnegie Library has been presented with statues of Hermes, Diana and Venus de Milo by Mrs. D.P. Abercrombie, Sr. She has also presented the library with a number of books, among them "The History of the Connecticut Valley," and "Universities and Their Sons."

September 10

New Books at Carnegie Public Library

Fiction - 16 Juvenile Fiction - 1

December 3

Woman's Club Bazaar

The bazaar held by the Woman's Club at Library Hall yesterday afternoon was largely attended and a great success. The sale of useful and fancy articles, and the unique tea room conducted by Mrs. Gilmore were well patronized. In the evening there was a pleasing musical entertainment and an amusing farce "A Lady to Call" was capitally presented by the members of the club.

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February 25 **Not Carnegie but (local). Germane to this subject. e.g.**

-The Library Hall at Montague City is included in a list of community buildings appearing in "Rural community buildings in the United States", a pamphlet recently published by the United States department of Agriculture. The facts given are designed to be helpful to towns and rural districts interested in organizing their social activities and erecting a community building. According to the bulletin, nearly 300 community houses have been built in the smaller cities and rural sections of the United States.

March 24 F.Y.I.; as above.

[Gill to Have a New Library](#)

The town of Gill will soon have a new library building, which will be known as the "Prentice Slate Memorial Library." The building will be constructed near the Town Hall at Gill Centre, and will be built, according to the provisions of the late Hollis M. Slate of Athol, who left a fund of \$3000 for the purpose of erecting this library as a memorial to his father, a former resident of Gill. The fund was left in trust, the first trustee being the late Sheriff Edson J. Pratt. At his death Judge Francis N. Thompson of the Probate court was appointed trustee. A strip of land has been purchased south of the common and at the last town meeting a committee was appointed to secure plant-and supervise the building of the library.

April 14

-Miss Louise Partenheimer, librarian at the library, attended the meeting of the Western Mass. Librarians' association at Springfield, Thursday.

May 19

-A food sale will be held at Library Hall, Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock, for the benefit of the Smith College endowment fund. Tea will be served. Mrs. W. L. Salmon and Mrs. J. T. Abbott are[sic] the committee in charge.

May 26

-The food sale and tea held for the benefit of the Smith College endowment fund at Library Hall, Saturday afternoon, was eminently successful, upwards of \$55 being realized for the fund. Mrs. W. L. Salmon and Mrs. J. W. Abbott were[sic] the committee in charge.

June 30

F.Y.I. The Montague City library will be closed during July and August.

November 17

[Library Notes](#)

The Griswoldville Mfg. Co. has kindly placed on exhibition at the public library, a comprehensive exhibit showing the process of the manufacture of cotton goods, from the raw cotton to finished bandages ready for hospital use, and also samples of the different grades and kinds of cloth produced at the mill. The exhibit is very instructive and interesting, and should be studied by old and young. A careful analysis of the different stages in the process of cotton manufacture will make intelligible many terms and words which now mean little or nothing to the uninitiated. The library having had exhibits of the

process of paper and silk manufacture, two of the important industries of the town, it is fitting that another of our important manufacturing industries should be shown. Young people, especially, will find this exhibit of great value.

Children's Book Week

This week is being observed as children's book week all over the country by libraries and those having the interests of the boys and girls at heart. The slogan is "more books in the home." The idea is to awaken in the young and through their parents, a desire and love for really good books which will help children to form good taste in literature as well as to provide them with books that will amuse, instruct and entertain in the best way. Miss Partenheimer, librarian of the Turners Falls library, has this week on exhibition, some 65 books of all kinds, suitable for children who are just beginning to read, or be read to, up. The collection is worth seeing and studying and includes some books which will please grown-ups to see, as well as the young people. These books may be bought, if desired, though that is not the primary object. In view of the proximity of Christmas, people who have children on their gift lists, and unhappy is the mortal who has none, should make it a point to inspect this exhibit for suggestions.

December 22

Library Trustees Appointed

At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and library trustees held at the Selectmen's rooms, last evening, Miss M. Angie Dean and Miss Florence W. Rockwell were appointed library trustees for Montague Centre to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Miss Fanny Chenery and the death of Miss Kate A Armstrong, and Mrs. M. Augusta Taggart was appointed trustee for Millers Falls to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John W Heath.

December 29

-Turners Falls council, Knights of Columbus have[sic] presented to the library a valuable history: "The Knights of Columbus in War and Peace," profusely illustrated, in two volumes. The history is very interesting and gives a full account of the great part played by the organization in the world war.

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January 12

Carnegie Library Has a Number of Valuable Acquisitions

The Carnegie library at Turners Falls has lately been enriched by a number of acquisitions which are of much interest and value. Master Lewis William Hodgman has presented the library with the skull and cross bones of what was undoubtedly an Indian, which he found on a lot owned by John Jamison at Riverside, on what is known as a part of Fort hill, where the Indians used to camp. On one side of the skull is plainly shown the mark of a tomahawk, the crushing of which through the skull undoubtedly caused death. This gruesome relic is a desirable acquisition to the historical department of the library, which has a splendid collection of Indian relics, and the thanks of the Trustees are extended to Master Hodgman.

Mrs. Elise Messer has presented the extensive and comprehensive shell and mineral collection of her late husband, Dr. Charles C. Messer. During the later part of his life, Dr. Messer devoted much of his time to the study of geology and mineralogy, and it became his hobby. As a result he acquired a fine collection of minerals, to which he added some beautiful specimens of shells and coral. This collection will be preserved intact at the library and will be known as the Dr Charles C. Messer collection. Thanks are extended to Mrs. Messer for the fine addition to the mineral collections.

W.H.P. Gilmore has presented a very interesting volume published by the Slate Street Trust Co. of Boston in commemoration of the tercentenary of the pilgrims. The book gives the history of the towns of New England that are named for towns in Old England, Ireland and Scotland, also giving a brief history of the latter, and profusely illustrated. Mr. Gilmore has been a trustee of the library for many years, is exceedingly interested in the library and has from time to time made it many gifts.

March 2

-Through the courtesy of the library authorities, patients at the Farren Hospital now have the privilege of reading books from the Turners Falls library. About 100 books are loaned each month.

Woman's Club Notes

The Executive Board of the Woman's club will meet at the home of Mrs. F. W. Hance on Friday afternoon, Mar. 2nd, at three o'clock.

The regular meeting of the Woman's club will be held in Library Hall, Tuesday afternoon, March 15, at three o'clock. The meeting will be in charge of the Legislative committee, Mrs. Annie Bardwell, chairman. Tea will be served under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Gunn, Mrs. Mildred Keating, and Mrs. Georgia Blood.

March 9 **F.Y.I.**

-The library at Riverside has had electric lights installed.

April 6

-The Turners Falls library broke all records for the circulation of books last month, when a total of 4475 books, the largest number in the library's history were taken out. This number is 800 more than the previous high water mark for any one month.

April 13

"The Future of the Pacific."

In library Hall, on Monday evening, April 18th, Miss Eunice Avery of Springfield will give one of her interesting lectures. Her subject will be "The Future of the Pacific," a discussion of cables, islands, submarine and air bases, and the relation of the three naval powers, England, United States and Japan to each other and to China. Tickets may be procured of Mrs. Porter Farwell, Mrs. M.O. Edson and Mrs. Margaret Chapleau.

July 13

-About 200 children are registered for vacation reading at the Turners Falls library, A prize will be awarded to the boy or girl who hands in to the librarian the best brief description of a book read during the summer, and a second and third prize may also be awarded for the next best descriptions. The librarian, who for several years has done a good deal to interest the children in the reading of worthwhile books during the long summer vacation, will give any young reader further particulars.

August 10

Death of W. H. P. Gilmore.

William H. P. Gilmore, the veteran insurance agent, and one of Turners Falls oldest and best known business men and citizens, died at his home on High street, Saturday night, after several months illness. He was 73 years old.

Mr. Gilmore was born in Winchendon and was the son of Nathaniel Gilmore. As a young man he worked as station agent at Bellows Falls, Vt., and came to Turners Falls, with his wife, in 1872 shortly after their marriage. He was soon appointed teller of the Crocker National bank and the Crocker Institution for Savings, both at that time occupying the same quarters. In connection with his banking work he engaged in the insurance business. After several years employment in the bank, he left, and then devoted all his time to his steadily growing insurance business. Later he also bought an interest, as silent partner, in the Corner Bookstore, the late James G. Freeman being the other member of the firm. Mr. Freeman sold out his interest to Henry D. Bardwell and the firm was known as Bardwell & Gilmore, until 1900 when Mr. Gilmore sold out to John W. Haigis.

By this time Mr. Gilmore's insurance business had grown to such proportions that in 1913 he took into partnership with him Leon E. Vatet, and the firm became W. H. P. Gilmore & Co., doing business all over the county.

Mr. Gilmore served the town in various capacities and was always interested in every good work and in anything which promised to contribute to the community welfare. He possessed pronounced civic pride, was an ardent "booster" for Turners Falls, and did with his might what his hand found to do. During the war he was active in Red Cross and other war work, and while the Unitarian church was in existence here he took a leading part in its affairs and was a hard worker in its behalf.

For many years, Mr. Gilmore was a trustee of the public library, most of the time as chairman. He was interested heart and soul, in the library's development, and to him is due in large measure the growth of the historical and geological collections, and the acquirement of various collections. He was a generous contributor himself and few people except those immediately concerned, have any idea how much time and effort he expended on the library, without any reward or hope of any. It was a labor of love on his part. Indeed, it is doubtful whether Turners Falls would ever have had the Carnegie library we now possess had it not been for Mr. Gilmore's untiring efforts. Way back, in the very earliest days of the library, when the then small collection of books was housed in the Hibernian block, and even before that, Mr. Gilmore was the moving spirit in library affairs and if we are not mistaken he was librarian of the early feeble little library

Mr. Gilmore had many and varied interests. He was a voluminous reader, and was much interested in pictures, prints and etchings. The latter were his hobby. He formed large and valuable collections, and was considered quite a connoisseur in art matters

Beside his widow, he leaves one son, C. H. Gilmore, a Boston attorney who has his home in Melrose, and one daughter, Mrs. Esther F. Galbraith, widow of Col. Galbraith, late national head of the American Legion, also three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon from his late residence, Rev. Alfred Free of Winchendon, a warm personal friend and formerly minister of the defunct Turners Falls Unitarian church, officiating. During the funeral, which was largely attended, the stores and places of business were closed. Interment was in Springdale cemetery.

August 31

-Miss Louise Partenheimer, librarian at the Carnegie Library, leaves to-morrow for a vacation trip to Montreal and Quebec.

October 5

Concerning Improvements at the Library

A number of minor improvements have been made at the Carnegie Library, recently, which are a source of much satisfaction to the librarian and patrons of the library. A fine large, glass front, enclosed case has been installed in the reference room to hold the special exhibits of local industries, showing the manufacture of paper, silk, cotton, etc. These are all carefully arranged to good advantage on the shelves, and are of distinct

educational advantage as well as showing what Turners Falls industrial plants are producing. Heretofore these special exhibits have been shown on tables, and adequate display has been impossible.

Another improvement is the installation of a new glass enclosed book case, near the entrance to the library, to hold the new juvenile books as they are added. The books in this case may only be enjoyed by children whose hands are clean. The sight of these attractive volumes, so near and yet so far, unless the young reader has clean hands, if not a clean heart, is tempting enough to cause many a juvenile to scrub where he never did more than give a lick and a promise before, if that much. The librarian holds the key to this treasury of choice books and every aspirant hankering to Bee the inside of the volumes must produce prima facie evidence that he will not leave traces of handling behind.

Anyone who has had the hardihood to handle some of the most popular juvenile books in the library without tongs,[sic] knows well the importance of the clean hands campaign. Miss Partenheimer has labored incessantly to cultivate in the library's young readers the idea that the pursuit of knowledge and pleasure in reading is better attained without a burden of real estate on the digits as a drawback, but the doubting Thomases[sic] are all too numerous. The new book case should do much to make converts of those who have been slow to accept the gospel of cleanliness.

The librarian's room now has a safe of new built in drawers to hold miscellaneous pictures and pamphlets and to make them readily accessible.

Woman's Club Lectures

A aeries of three lectures will be given under the auspices of the Civics Committee of the Woman's Club by Miss. Eunice Avery of Springfield on "Current Events". The first one will be held on Monday evening, Oct. 10th, in Library Hall. All who were privileged in hearing Miss Avery last year will be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing her again this year. Tickets may be purchased from Mrs. Edith Higginbotham, Mrs. Nellie Thomas, Mrs. Lulu Skinner, Mrs. Alice Farwell.

October 19

-Mrs. Walter H. Ray, Jr. of Davis Street is acting as assistant at the library.

November 23

F.Y.I.

Gill: The new library building has been completed and the books are being transferred to their new quarters.

-Beginning next Sunday, Dec. 4, the library will be open every Sunday afternoon, from three to six o'clock, for reading and reference only.

1922

January 18, 1922

-Miss M. Frances Murphy and Miss Eileen Kelleher, teachers in the grades, took their pupils to the public library, last Thursday afternoon, where the children made a study of cotton and cotton manufacture, studying at first hand the library's exhibits. On subsequent weeks they will study in like manner, silk, paper, etc.

February 15

-A large collection of shells and coral collected by the late Dr. Messer has recently been given to the Carnegie Library by Mrs. Messer.

-The first meeting of the Turners Falls Tuberculosis Committee was held at the library, Friday afternoon. This committee which represents locally the Franklin County Public Health Association, consists of Chairman, Dr. K.H. Hughes; secretary, Mrs. W.T. Ellis; Mrs. W.L. Salmon, Mrs. F.J. Trembl, Mrs. Margaret O'Keefe, Rev. J.W. Casey, Mrs. W.H.P. Gilmore and Fred C. Haigis.

March 8

Town Meeting Election

Three Trustees of Library. Mavrett A. Deane, Nellie P. Fitzgerald, M.S. O'Leary
Trustee of Library, 1 yr. W.B. Marston

March 16

Town Business Meeting

The following appropriations were made:
Libraries \$6500.

Additional *available* Town of Montague references to its library system.



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MONTAGUE

The Town Library is now open at the Town Hall Hours for the present, 6 o'clock, Friday, P.M. Terms, one dollar for annual membership, as fixed by the public vote of the town. Miss Aloney Chenery, Librarian. The number of books is not quite as large as that in the Boston Public Library; but a substantial beginning has been made. There are several hundred volumes. Between one and two hundred more are to be added during the winter. The citizens of the town are to be congratulated upon the establishment of such a valuable institution. It is hoped that old and young will generally patronize it. There is nothing like a love of good books, a bound taste for reading, to promote private and public welfare. A large source of the justly lauded intelligence and morality of Massachusetts lies in the Town and Public Libraries distributed throughout her length and breadth. If she is the brains of the country, she is so, very largely, by virtue of books. The people of Montague will surely consult their own best interests. Let them foster for themselves and for their children this source of vital and lasting good.

We need now a Public Lyceum, in which, by debates, essays, lectures, our local, intellectual and social interests may be further developed and improved, where, once a week, on winter evenings, we can *all* come together to witness the clash of argument, to hear the pros and cons of reform and share in the social and mental converse of the hour. Such an institution would be a fitting auxiliary to the library. Citizens of Montague, can we not have it? T.Z.

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The Town Library opens well. It has now fully fifty names on its list of patrons. A large proportion of these; we are glad to know, are young people, this is a gratifying evidence of the estimate in which the library is held amongst us. The list of patrons should be still further increased. No time like these winter evenings for reading. The young folks surely will not neglect so valuable a means for entertainment and improvement. Besides, they should remember that the world in these days calls loudly for well informed men and women. Parents should not forget that there is no more noble and profitable way of investing a dollar a year for their children. It is a life-insurance on character and Intelligence. A very few are not quite satisfied because it is not a free library. It is hoped that no one, on this account, will shut himself or his children from its benefits. This would

be plainly a suicidal policy. Wiser would it be to patronize it until the town in whose control the matter is, can be persuaded to make a change; if a change is best. The present rate per week is a mere pittance, being less than one cent per book. It should not be forgotten that the library is for the benefit of the whole town. The hours of opening are now arranged so that persons at a distance can be accommodated. The hours are from 3 to 4 Friday P.M. and 7 to 9 Friday evening. The Directors are about to make a new addition to the books. They would be pleased to have suggestions from anybody for any book that might be thought desirable.

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Public and private buildings that would justify special mention are not lacking. Not least among these is the Carnegie Library, secured largely through the efforts of Mr. W.H.P. Gilmore, whose devotion to this important institution, dating from 1875, is among the unwritten history that no one could justly and fully estimate and record. Probably few if any know the diligent service rendered to this place by one who seems an exceptional trustee. Together with its site on one of the prominent corners of Avenue A, the new building cost about twenty-two thousand dollars, of which thirteen thousand five hundred dollars came as a gift from Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Attractive outwardly, it hides nothing within to disappoint expectations it has raised. Seen from any interior position the rooms are charming. Besides reference and periodical rooms for adults there is a precisely similar periodical and book section for children, many of whom call for cards for drawing "Librys" to carry home. The library contains nine thousand four hundred and sixty-seven volumes. A reader who thinks of a book chiefly as a means of amusement or dissipation is likely to transfer the same estimate to a library; yet a library is an educational institution—indeed, its library is a recognized part of the equipment of every great educational institution. The large city libraries, like those of Springfield, Worcester and Boston, are almost universities, and every good public library is in the class with public schools, doing, in fact, part of their work in order to do all its own. The connection between the two can hardly be too close, and for either to lack every quality of the other would be a misfortune. The relation has been recognized and maintained in this place, and much of the reference work is done by pupils from the school. Essayists of local clubs are another class of patrons doing reference work. Of the number of books used by these and others in the building, no record is made, but the largest record of books carried out, makes the circulation for the year 1911, seventeen thousand five hundred and thirteen. A hall above provides a place for historical collections or relics of local interest, and is also used for such purposes as musical rehearsals and other appropriate assemblages including Board of Trade meetings. It was opened by local literary clubs with a lecture by Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall.

Two other libraries in charge of the same board of trustees, brings the whole number of volumes in the three branches of the Montague library system to an aggregate of eighteen thousand eight hundred and eighty volumes. One, which consists of seven thousand one hundred and twenty, is in the pleasant New England village of Montague, well entitled to the original name by means of which it blankets the upstart fame of the larger manufacturing village. Though Turners Falls must contain approximately two-thirds of the population of the township, and though town meetings are held here, and here town offices are stationed, politically it counts itself lost to sight. Its good deeds and misdeeds seem alike submerged by the name Montague. When an elected citizen wins prominence at the State House, rising pride is tempered by the mortification of seeing that he has become "The gentleman from Montague". Yet forgiveness ought to be easy when the clean and dignified village gracefully grants reprisals by bearing the odium of any vote that would have been a discredit to the Falls but goes to the credit of Montague.

The library is kept in a building near the Common from which a white church looks toward the pillared brick one opposite, whose memorial clock reminds the passer by[sic] of the lapse of time and whose pulpit teaches those who, entering, form its fine congregation, how to use time well. The High School building, like the corresponding one in Turners Falls, is now occupied by the grades the large new one which adorns the upper plateau of Turners Falls providing for all sections of the town.

If the Andrews family, whose home was in the nearer presence of Mount Toby, is a criterion, Montague must be a good place to go to school. Charles Andrews became governor of Connecticut and chief justice of its supreme court. E. Benjamin Andrews, D.D., LL., D., whose name and fame are everywhere known, is a brother whose record, though condensed, would exceed limits available here.

The father of the family, Rev. Erastus Andrews of revered memory, held several pastorates in this vicinity as well as elsewhere, being once or twice also recalled to the same field. Besides being a member of Governor Gardner's Council, he was state senator when his persistent, solitary vote led the election of United States Senator Charles Sumner to the only civil office he ever held.

It was this faithful preacher of the gospel which makes men free, who gave the national senate that great anti-slavery orator; it was Montague that gave him to the senate of Massachusetts which shares the fame of Sumner.

The third branch of Montague Library is at Millers Falls, a manufacturing village on Millers River divided by the boundary line of Erving. Like Montague, this is a terminal point of an electric trip. Each place has a station of the Fitchburg and Hoosac Tunnel line, but that in Millers Falls is also the junction or crossing of the Vermont Central. The picturesqueness[sic] of this vicinity continues along the line eastward, where the traveler is fascinated by views of this tributary river. When the present unbuilt[sic] section of electric

Carnegie Library - Turners Falls, Massachusetts

road is completed from this place to Orange, as it will be soon, both steam and electric routes through Millers Falls, and the same electric route through Turners Falls, will be continuous between Greenfield and Boston. The library of Millers Falls contains two thousand two hundred and ninety-three volumes. The hotel and stores, with many of the residences, are on the Montague side; the manufactories are, at least in part, beyond the station and the Vermont Central Railroad.

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Carnegie Library. Turners Falls, Mass. 1904 *e.g. archive*



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