Minutes of the Jamesburg Literary Association
January 3rd 1880

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The subscribers to a fund for the purchase of books, magazines, &c met in the infant class room of the Presbyterian church January 3rd, 1880. A quorum being present, the meeting Organized & Dr. H. Zandt chosen President and B. B. Seeyle Sec’y.

(1) A motion to the effect, that the subscribers to the fund form a permanent organization and that the name of the organization be the Jamesburg Literary Association, was seconded and passed.

(2) It was moved and seconded that the permanent organization consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and a committee of three (3), who, which the officers should constitute our executive committee of seven - motion carried.

(3) It was further moved, seconded, & passed that all who are now subscribers be considered members and that hereafter there be an annual membership fee of $2.00 or a fee of $1.00 for use of books merely.

(4) There was an election of officers by acclamation as follows

President   BB Seelye  
Vice “ “   DH Downs  }Executive Committee
Secretary  J. F. F. Smock  
Treasurer  T. Wilton Hill  

To compile  { Rev. B.S. Everett, H. D. Zandt
the executive committee { Lemuel Buckelew

(5) A Committee of three man appointed to make out a list of periodicals for use of the Society & report at the next meeting. The persons appointed to constitute this committee were Mr. Geo A. Shultz, D H Downs and B.B. Seelye. Members also were requested to hand to the committee a list of such magazines and periodicals as they desired to be purchased.

(6) Moved, seconded, and passed that the following persons constitute a committee of five to perfect the organization Jos. C. Magee, B.S. Everitt, T W Hill, F.L. Buckelew, Tauli Crosby.

(7) Moved, seconded, and passed that T. W Hill, H. W Crosby, and Dr H D Zandt be appointed a committee to consider the procuring of a room for the use of the Association.

The committee selected the following magazines to be subscribed for 1880.
Popular Science Monthly
The balance was expended for books. This list includes the purchase of books for 1880 and 1881.

Abbott. King Chas II.
“ " Marie Antoinette
“ " Daniel Boone
“ " Kit Garson
“ " Paul Jones

Arnold. E. Light of Asia
Bancroft Geo. History of the U.S. 6 Vols
Bronte C. Jane Eyre
Boyesen H. H. Elka on hill top
Brooks, Phillip. Sermons. 1 Vol
Browning Poems
“ " Rienzi
“ " Last Days of Pompei
Burke Speeches
Burnett That Lass O Lowries
Cameron. Across Africa.
Chatham. Speeches
Clarke J. F. Self Culture.
Congdon. Reminiscences of a journalist
Cooper J. F. Last of the Mohegans
Cox History of Greece
Dickens C. Christmas Stories
“ " Our Mutual Friend
Beaconsfield Endession
Douglas Stephen Dane
“ " In Trust
Eggleston, Geo. A. rebels recollections
Elliot Geo. Scenes in clerical life
“ " Adam Bede
“ " Mill on the Floss
“ " Ronnola
Emerson R. W. Society and Solitude
Erksine. Speeches
Gibbon. History of Rome. 6 Vols
Goldsmiths. Poems
Hale E. E. Stories of the Sea
Holmes G.W. Aristocrat of the breakfast table
Hargreaves. Our wasted resources
“ “ Peter Goldwaties Treasure and Famous Stories
“ “ The Christmas Banquet
Hood. T. The defaulter
Holland. J. G. Plain talks on familiar subjects
“ “ Bitter Sweet
“ “ Kathrina
“ “ Sevenoaks [Seven Oaks]
Holley. M. My Opinions and Betsey Bobbets
“ “ “ Samantha at the Centenial
“ “ “ My wayward partner
“ “ “ Alhambra
“ “ “ The Sketch book
“ “ “ History of New York
King E. F. 10,000 wonderful things
Knight. History of England. 8 Vols
Lanier S. Boys King Arthur
Leland. Life of Lincoln.
Lowell. J. R. Poems
Lyman. Life of Daniel Webster
Matthews. Getting on in the World
Molley. J. L. Rise of the Dutch Republic 3 Vols
Parton Jas. Peoples book of Biography
“ “ “ Famous men and triumphs of enterprise
Prescott. History of Ferdinand and Isabella 3 Vols
“ “ “ Phillip 2nd of Spain 2 Vols
Proctor Expanse of the Heavens
Pennot Rev. P. Achsah
Plutarch. Plutarch Lives
Reid Mayne. Stories of Animals
“ “ “ Odd People
Richardson. Beyond the Mississippi
Roe. E. P. From Jest to Ernest [Earnest]
“ “ “ Opening of the Chestnut Burr
“ “ “ A face illumined
“ “ “ Knights of the 10th Century
“ “ “ A day of Fate
Sarimento Life of Pauline Cushman
Scott Sir. W. Globe edition Vol 1st
“ “ “ Bride of Laumerimoor [Lammermoor] and Woodstock
“ “ “ Count Roland of Paris
“ “ “ The betrothed and the Highland Widow
“ “ “ The Surgeons daughter
“ “ “ Kenilworth
At a meeting of the Jamesburg Literacy Association On Dec. 30th 1880 in the Infant School room of the Pres Church. The President [President] B. B. Seelye called the meeting to order. And on account of absence of the Secretary J. F. F. Smock Geo. A. Shultz was appointed Sect. Pro Tem. The Treasurer Mr. T. W. Hill Then read the report of the finances of the society. Stating the amount expended for magazines, books &c Starting there was a balance still remaining in his possession of $17.88. The report was
accepted as correct. The chairman of the book purchasing committee B.B. Seelye. Then
read his report. And also read a statement of the books that were read during the year.
How many times they were drawn out. And a general illustration of the workings of the
Library Association. The recital of which was a surprise to the members present. Of the
beneficial workings of the society. Mr. B. B. Seelye read the names of the subscribers as
members for the ensuing year. Also the total amount then subscribed to the fund for the
purchase of books and magazines &c. By motion adopted. That all the members then
present should be a committee to get a list of books thought suitable to meet the wants of
the society. And report at the next meeting. The committee comprised Rev. B. S. Everett,
B. B. Seelye, T. W. Hill, G. A. Shultz. The meeting then adjourned to meet again at the
time and place that the President should designate.
Geo. A. Shultz
Sect. Pro Tem.

At the notice of the President of the Jamesburg Literacy Association. The society met at
the School House on the evening of Jan. 12th 1881. The President called the meeting to
order. And G. A. Shultz was appointed secretary pro tem. This being the designated time
for the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected
President B. B. Seelye. Vice President D. H. Downs. Secretary G. A. Shultz. Treasurer T.
W. Hill. Executive committee B. S. Everett. H. D. Zant. F. L. Buckelew. In examining
the minute book of the society There was an omission of the some of the rules of the
society &c. And Mr. T. W. Hill was requested to confer with the later secretary J. F. F.
Smock And have them herein suitably adjusted and seconded herein. According to their
original intent. The secretary was requested to record all the names of the members in
this book. Also those that were one dollar patronizers. Also the list of all the books and
magazines. The members present then selected a list of books thought suitable to meet
the requirement of the associations as far as the limited means would allow. Mr. B.B.
Seelye was delegated to purchase the books selected. The meeting then adjourned to
convene at the call of the President.
Geo. A. Shultz. Sect.

At the notice of the President of the Association. For the members to meet at the
residence of Mr. T. W. Hill. On the evening of January 28th 1881. To make some
additional selection of books to the amount of funds recently collected. Mr. B.B. Seelye
stated that he had been to a number of bookstores And procured their prices for the list of
books. But had not purchased any. He was then requested to go to New York at his
earliest convenience to purchase the books. And draw on the treasurer for his individual
expenses for that business. By motion adopted that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. H.
W. Crosby for the generous and efficient manner that he performed the duties of
Librarian for the past year. He also made the proposition (By one of the members) that
he would act as librarian for the ensuing year. The same as the previous year. If the
Association would consent to allow him the use of the Library the same as a member.
But without any compensations. To all of which they heartily agreed to. With a vote of
thanks for his charitable offer. The By Laws were then amended as that the time limited
for the use of magazines should be one week. And for books two weeks. Without the
 privilege of immediate renewal. But should remain in the Library for three days and then
the same person could renew the book. The Pres Treas & Sect was appointed to make
suitable arrangements for the books in the Library. And any other necessary work
connected therewith.

Geo. A. Shultz.

Sect.

At a meeting of the Jamesburg Literary Association on Dec. 22nd 1881. At the Public
School House. The President in the Chair. T. W. Hill appointed Secretary. On motion
adopted that the following magazines be subscribed for. For the ensuing year. Harpers
Atlantic. Century. Monthlies. And the Scientific American. Mr. Hill was authorized to
sell the magazines now in the Library. The Treasurer rendered a report of finances of the
year. Balance in Treasurers hands $7.12/100. Committee selected to sollicit subscriptions
ensuing year.

T. W. Hill. Sect.

At Public School house. At a meeting of the Jamesburg Literary Association. On April
3rd, 1882. The President presiding the minutes of the meeting of Dec. 30th, 1880. Jan. 14th
1881. January 28th 1881. And Dec. 22nd, 1881. Were read and approved. The Treasurers
report was read and approved. The treasures [treasurer] reported that he had received $47.72/100 From some of the committee selected to procure subscriptions for the Library fund. Others of the committee had not made collections on their lists. By motion
adopted the name of the association shall be changed to be called the Jamesburg Library
Association. By motion adopted. The following persons were chosen to expend the funds
of the association . In the purchase of books &c. the President Treasurer and Secretary.
The following officers were then elected for the year ending in Jan 1st 1883. President B.
B. Seeyle, V. Pres. L. E. Riddle. Treasurer T. W. Hill, Librarian H. W. Crosby. Secretary
Geo. A. Shultz.

By motion adopted a committee of three messrs J. L Buckelw, L. E. Riddle, G. A.
Shultz. Appointed to devise a Constitution and By Laws for this association. To be in
force for the balance of the year. And subject to change at the next annual meeting. Or
their approval. The meeting then adjourned to Dec. 22nd 1882. To converse at a place
designated by a written notice of the President. Previous to the time selected.

Geo. A. Shultz.

Sect.

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Books and Magazines &c 1882. 
Century Magazine  
Harpers "     "  
Atlantic "     "  
Supplement of Scientific American

Jamesburg A. J. Dec. 22d 1882. Some of the members of the Jamesburg Library Association. Met at the Public School House. In accordance with a previous notice. The President presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The constitution and rules. That were presented by the committee (appointed for that work.) Were then read and adopted. The annual election of officers for the ensuing year of 1883. Were as follows President. B. B. Seeyle. Vice President L. E. Riddle. Treasurer T. W. Hill. Secretary G. A. Shultz. Librarian H. W. Crosby. By motion adopted the librarian was to receive as a compensation All the fines received. The committee appointed to examine the general condition of the library. At the stated periods required. Were. L. E. Riddle & G. A. Shultz. The committee appointed to select and purchase books, magazines & c. Were T. W. Hill. B. S. Everett. G. A. Shultz. By motion adopted. The Treasurer and Secretary should get the constitution and rules. Also a list of all the books printed in a pamphlet [pamphlet] form. In a manner and the number thought requisit [required?]. The meeting then adjourned to meet on the first Saturday in December 1883 at Seven P.M. At the place designated. By previous notice by the President.

Geo. A. Shultz
Sect.

L. E. R. and G. A. S. Examined Library Apr 16th 1884. The books &c were all accounted for.

Members and Subscribers of the Jamesburg Library Association
Jan. 1883
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the Jamesburg Library Association 1884

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J. M. Mortimer 1.00
E. Crosby 1.00
J. A. Metz 1.00
C. M. Finch 3.00
F. Van Dyke 1.00
R. M. Dowell 1.00
F. Pownall 1.00

L. Williams 1.00 charged before
J. M. Cowperthwait 1.00 no charge
Members and Subscribers of Jamesburg Library Association

1885

D. H. Downs 5.00  J. M. Mc Farlane 2.00
A. J. Richardson 1.00  J. C. Penny 1.00
F. Jennings 1.00  G. L. Mc Connel 1.00
W. Brooks 1.00  Lillie Elliot 1.00
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T. W. Hill 3.00
J. Worts 3.00
W. Crosby 1.00
W. Morton 1.00
B. S. Everett 2.00
J. C. Magee 1.00
M. Mount 1.00
C. S. Rowland 1.00
J. M. Mortimer 1.00

At the annual meeting of the Jamesburg Library Association on Dec. 6th 1884. On account of the removal to a distant country. Of the president Mr. B S Everett Was elected Chairman for the evening. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following persons were then elected for the ensuing year. Pres. B S. Everett. Vice Pres L. E. Riddle. Treas. T. W. Hill. Sect Geo A. Shultz. Librarian T J. Parks. Library examining committee. L. E. Riddle, G A. Shultz. Book and magazine purchasing committee. B S. Everett. L E. Riddle. G A. Shultz. The A motion adopted that the Librarian should post on the Library base door Article 7th of the rules. And the officers of the association expect him to enforce them. To their proper requirements. By Motion adopted. The Secretary was requested to have a copy of the proceeding of this meeting, printed in The Jamesburg Record. The Chairman then appointed John Worts. And all the officers of the association to solicit subscripts for the Library. For the ensuing year. The meeting adjourned to meet on the first Saturday in Dec. 1885. At 7 P.M. At the Public School House.

Geo A. Shultz
Secretary

Members and Subscribers to the Jamesburg Library Association 1886

D. H. Downs 5.00  R. M. Sheldon .50
Gaskell 1.00  Printing 200 catalogue .50
Deckers (no acct of 1.00) Geo Lockwood 1.00
Minutes of meeting of the Jamesburg Library Association. Dec 5, 1885. Held at the Public School House. The President Presiding. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer read his annual report. His accounts and vouchers were examined by a committee present and reported correct. The report of the Library examining committee reported books unaccounted for Gilded Age. Century Mag Feb & Apr/85 Harpers June Aug. Nov/85 Feb. Oct. Nov. 1884. The Treasurer of the suspended Jamesburg Reading Room. Offered to this association the funds he has still in his possession. Also the amounts still due to him. The offer was graciously accepted with thanks for their liberality. The meeting then ordered the secretary to place the officers of the Reading Room. As members of this association for the ensuing year. Mr. G. Hoffman was elected librarian for the ensuing year. The following officers were then elected for the next year. Pres. B. S. Everett. V. Pres. F. L. Buckelew. Treas. T W. Hill. Sec G A. Shultz. Committee to select and purchase books Pres. Treas & Secy. Notice of this meeting to be printed in Jasb [Jamesburg] Record. All the officers to be committee to solicit subscriptions for library fund. The Pres. Was instructed to have the library reinsured. The meeting their adjourned.

Geo. A. Shultz
Secy

Jamesburg N. J. May 25th 1886
At a meeting of all the officers of the Library As. Held at the Office of Jas Buckelews Sons. The Pres presiding Arrangements were made to prepare a Stage curtain. Scenery &c. For the Temperance Dramma. Entitled Asleep and Awake. To be given by the young people of Jamesburg. Messrs Everett (Rev) & Shultz. Corn on Stage and Dramma. Messrs Buckelew & Hill on seating arrangements of chapel. Tickets Programes &c.

Geo A. Shultz
Secy
Jamesburg N. J. June 3<sup>d</sup> 1886
At the call of the President. The officers of the Library Association met at Jas Buckelews Sons Office. This afternoon. The treasurer made a report of the proceeds of the entertainment. Given by the young people on the evening of May 28<sup>th</sup>. Showing a net profit to the association of thirty 38/100 ($30.38/100) dollars. The balance in the treasury at present time was reported as Forty five 54/100 ($45.54/100). On motion the Secretary was instructed to extend the thanks of this Board. To the young people who contributed so successfully to the funds of the As. By their performance of a Dramma on the 28<sup>th</sup>. And our appreciation of their efforts. On motion. The Secty was instructed to convey the thanks of the Association to Dr. J. C. Suydam. For the care and attention he has given to the Library. During the last one and a half years. On motion Mr. Shultz was authorized to have the Library Case Fired in proper shape according to this judgment.

Geo A. Shultz
Secy

By an invitation to the superintendent of the N.J. Reform School. Mr. Iro. Otterson. The persons connected with the performance of the Temperance Dramma. Entitled Asleep and Awake. Went out to the School. Performed the piece for the edification of the School boys, and others connected with the institution. The performers were highly complimented on its performance. Bountifully supplied with refreshments. Also a gift by the Superintendent of Ten dollars. Towards the benefit of the Library Association.

Geo A Shultz
Secy.

Minutes of the meeting of the Jamesburg Library Association Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 1886. On account of the absence of the President and Vice President. G A. Shultz was appointed President Pro Tem. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and approved. The treasurer read his annual report. His account was audited. And found correct. With a balance due the association on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> (inst) of $3.02/100. All the officers of the association of the past year. Were reelected for the ensuing year. In thier [their] same official positions. H. W. Crosby. Was approved Librarian. For the ensuing year. All the officers were appointed as a committee to solicit subscriptions. Also as a book selecting and purchasing committee. By motion adopted. The business of this meeting, was ordered printed in the Jamesburg Record. M. E. Mount. Was given a free subscription to the Library. For his kindness in building a fire. And making a necessary comfortable preparations. For the accommodations for the meeting in the Public School House. The meeting then adjourned.

Geo A Shultz
Secretary

Members and Subscribers to the Jamesburg Library Association 1887

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Minutes of Public Library Ass. Dec. 7th 1889. By motion of T. W. Hill. And carried unanimously. Whereas the members of this association. Has been reduced to four with no prospects of an immediate increase of members. And to avoid maintaining this association by an outlay of money by the four members. Therefore resolved that article six section two be suspended as membership fee. And section one of article six. Fee be reduced to fifty cents. Sections three four and five pro ration. Also that the gentleman
who have alone sustained their membership. For the last two or three years of the association. Be and are hereby constituted the association. Until the next annual meeting. Those persons are Rev. B S. Everett Pres. F. L. Buckelew. Vice Pres. T. W. Hill. Treas. Geo A. Shultz Secy. By adopted motion adopted. Any person or persons acting as librarian shall have one yearly subscription free. The editor shall have the same privilege accorded to him. For notices printed in relation to the Library. As the treasurer by oversight omitted to bring his report. To the meeting. A committee of two, Rev. B. S. Everett. Geo A. Shultz. Was appointed to audit his account. From last annual report to date. And included in these minutes. On motion carried. Messrs Hill and Shultz. Were appointed to have charge of library. Appoint Librarian &c.

Treas Report

Chas E. Westervell. July 10th 1893. Paid me cash for books out of the Jamesburg Library.
From Jest to Ernest .30
Opening the Chestnut burr .50
Day of Fate .50
Put yourself in his place .70
10000 Wonderful things .60 $2.80

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I paid cash for Rernsureing [reinsuring?] the Library from June 11th 1893. To June 11th, 1896. $4.00

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And book Famous Men Both $1.20