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PREFATORY NOTICE.

The Public Library of Evansville is the outgrowth of the old "Evansville Library Association." This institution was organized on August 10th 1855, with a capital stock of \$30,000. It remained in existence for nineteen years, at the end of which period the association thought best to donate its entire property to the city. Simultaneously with such donation, the Common Council of the city of Evansville resolved to levy an annual tax for the support of an institution thus to be created—a free library for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the city. The directors of the "Evansville Library Association," on August 21st, 1874, transferred to the city all books belonging to the association, consisting of 4,400 volumes. By order of the Common Council, the Board of School Trustees, consisting then of Messrs. H. W. Cloud, J. H. Poldorfer and Luke Wood, were placed in charge of the Library.

This Board immediately commenced performing the additional duties thus imposed upon it, by selecting the brick edifice—formerly the German Reformed Church—on the northwest corner of Seventh and Vine streets, as a home for the new Public Library.

Among the books originally donated, over four hundred were in a mutilated condition. Of these 335 were re-bound, the rest being worthless.

Immediately after the selection of a Library building, some 4,000 additional volumes were ordered. By June 1st, 1875, the more important of these had arrived. On said date the Library was, for the first time, thrown open to the public for the registration of names, on which occasion appropriate addresses were delivered by Messrs. James M. Shackelford, Blythe Hynes and Luke Wood. Within two weeks thereafter books were first loaned to the public.

It is with feelings of profound sorrow that we allude to the sudden demise of Dr. Hiram W. Cloud. In his death the Library sustained a most severe loss, for to him it is indebted for much of its present success. An earnest worker in all that he undertook—his deep interest in the Library made his untimely removal seem an affliction indeed. He died May 6th, 1875. All respect to his memory! Requiescat in pace!

The within Catalogue contains the titles of nearly 9,000 volumes of miscellaneous literature. Of these, 860 are Public Documents, and 250 are reference books, none of which

are permitted to be circulated. Since June 14th, 1875, over 50,000 books have been issued to borrowers. The registration of book-borrowers, at this present time, shows upwards of 3,000 names.

In addition to the donation made by the "Evansville Library Association," quite a number of valuable books have been presented to the library by individuals. We highly commend such action and return therefor, in behalf of the public generally, our grateful acknowledgments. It is to be hoped that in the future the library can catalogue not only the names of many such donors, but also of many valuable books.

The beneficial results of the creation of our Public Library are quite manifest. May the good people of Evansville always cherish the institution! May the Future see its value materially enhanced and its usefulness greatly augmented!

Evansville, May 1876.

LUKE WOOD,
T. C. BRIDWELL, } Trustees for 1875-6.
S. I. LEWENSTEIN, }

BASSETT CADWALLADER, Librarian.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Library and Reading Room shall be open between the hours of nine A. M. and nine P. M., each week-day throughout the year,—New Years, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas days excepted.

The Librarian, under the direction of the Board of School Trustees, shall have charge of the Library Rooms, the Books, and other public property in them; and shall be responsible for the safety of such books and property, as well as for the orderly department of visitors.

Any resident of Evansville may draw books from the Library, upon complying with either of the following conditions, and registering his or her name:

Giving satisfactory security in the form prescribed by the Board of Trustees; or,

Depositing five dollars with the Librarian, and as much more, as the value of any work taken exceeds five dollars.

Upon registering, each person will be supplied with a "Library Card," inscribed with his or her name, on which a record of the dates of withdrawing and returning books will be kept.

The holder of a card is entitled to one volume of octavo or larger; and to two volumes of smaller size, being of the same work.

Books may be retained two weeks, and renewed for the same period, if the application for renewal be made within the first fourteen days. Except such as are labeled, "Seven Day Book;" being of recent purchase, they can be retained only one week and can not be renewed. Juvenile books must be retained at least three days before they can be returned.

All injuries to books beyond reasonable wear, and all losses, shall promptly be made good to the satisfaction of the Librarian.

A fine of three cents shall be paid for each day that any book is retained longer than the time allowed by the preceding rules; and no person shall be allowed to draw books on his or her card till such fine is paid. To the fine shall be added the expenses of collection.

If any book be not returned within one month after serving notice, the Librarian shall proceed to collect, through the city attorney, the value of the book with accrued fines, and other charges to the date of payment.

Any person of good deportment and habits may use the Reading Room. Encyclopædias, Dictionaries, and such other books as the Board may consider unsuited for general circulation, can be consulted only in the Reading Room.

Any one abusing the privileges of the Library and violating these rules, shall be temporarily suspended from its privileges, and the case reported to the Board for further action.

These Regulations are subject to alteration, amendment, or revision at the pleasure of the Board of School Trustees.

Approved, March 22, 1875.

EXPLANATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

The "Dictionary plan," as it is commonly called, which has been adopted in the preparation of this catalogue, consists of an alphabetical arrangement in one series, of authors, titles and subjects. Under each author's name are arranged all the works by him—in a sub-alphabetical order if there are more than one,—and at the end of this list, works of which he is the subject. Under subject-headings are arranged the names of authors who have written concerning the subject, and the titles of books. All works with arbitrary titles, are arranged in proper order under the first word of the title *not* an article. See, *e. g.* "Miller, Hugh. Footprints of the Creator"; also under the subject "Geology, Miller, H." and "Footprints of the Creator."

Italicized words, following an author's name in parenthesis, indicate a pseudonym; *e. g.* "Miller, Cincinnati H. (*Joaquin*)."

The letter and number which is placed at the end of each entry is the shelf-number of the book. When the shelf-number is preceded by an asterisk (*), the book can not be taken from the library. When followed by a dash and one, or two figures, the number after the dash specifies a particular volume of a set; *e. g.* K 1690-10 refers to the tenth volume of White's Shakespeare. Books must be called for by number; it is best to prepare a written list of several that are desired, as one or more of them may not be in when wanted.

Under each entry the place of publication, the date, the size, and number of volumes when there are more than one, are added. The names of places of publication are usually abbreviated; as N. Y. for New York; Bost., Boston; Phil., Philadelphia; Wash., Washington; Chi., Chicago; Lon., London, etc. Books are described as duodecimo, octavo, quarto, etc.—printed 12°, 8°, 4°, etc.—from apparent size, and not in accordance with printers' classifications.

Other abbreviations: *abridgd.*, for abridged; *biog.*, biographical or biography; *ed.*, edited or editor; *et al.* (*et alibi*), and others; *fol.*, folio; *L. R.*, Librarian's Room; *n. d.*, no date; *n. t. p.*, no title page; *P. D.*, Public Document department; *pseud.*, pseudonym; *Sm. Inst. Pub.*, Smithsonian Institution Publications; *tr.*, translated or translator.

A dash (—) at the beginning of a line indicates a repetition of the preceding heading. A shorter dash immediately following the first (—) indicates the repetition of a