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The society of Associated Mechanics and Manufacturers in New-Hampshire, at a meeting held the 5th of November, 1822, resolved to establish a library exclusively for the benefit of apprentices, and appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions and donations to it, and to establish rules and regulations of the library. At a meeting held the 4th of February the present year, the committee reported, that they had obtained and secured the sum of four hundred twenty-five dollars, which was to be appropriated to the purchase of books; in addition to which they had received two hundred forty-eight volumes; and at the same meeting they adopted rules and regulations of the library, the purport of which is, that the library shall be under the su-

perintendance and patronage of the society, who shall choose five directors; the President, Vice President, and Secretary of the society shall be three of them, the other two shall be chosen from the society at large. The directors shall appoint a librarian, who shall have the use of the library for his services. The library to be open every Wednesday from six to nine o'clock, P. M. and books may be kept out a fortnight. Every apprentice applying for books, shall produce a certificate from his master, that he is deserving the privilege of the library, and that he will hold himself responsible for the return of the books.

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