

Lawrence, Kansas, January 9, 1904

To The Honorable Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Lawrence:

Gentlemen:- In accordance with the ordinance under which the Public Library Board of Lawrence was organized, the board desires to present its first report.

The first meeting was held on April 13, 1903, at which time lots were drawn for length of term of membership of members of the board, resulting as follows: To serve one year-G.R.Gould, J.D. Bowersock, Mrs.A.Henley; to serve two years-W.G.Banker, Wm.Bromelsick, E.Bumgardner; to serve three years- A.J.Dicker, J.R.Griggs, A.L.Cox; to serve four years-G.Grovenor, P.E.Emory, C.S.Hall. The board was organized at that same meeting by the election of the following officers: G. Grovenor, president; Mrs.A.Henley, vice-president; Wm.Bromelsick, treasurer; C.S.Hall, secretary.

April 20 a preliminary set of by-laws was adopted.

April 27 general plans for the library building were discussed and it was decided to invite six architects to appear before the board on May 5, and present their plans.

May 5 the plans were presented by architects and discussed and referred to a committee.

May 9 a one-story building was decided and G.A.Berlinghof, of Beatrice, Nebraska, was chosen as architect, and the plans he presented were approved with modifications.

May 12 the modified plans were agreed on.

June 16 the complete plans and specifications were presented and approved, and it was decided to ask for bids.

July 7 Bids were presented, but not opened, and on July 21 the same proceedings occurred. On July 30 four bids were presented and opened, and the contract awarded to George A. Saul, of Seneca,

Kansas, for \$20,250. The contract was awarded to Graeber Bros. of this city on same date for plumbing, heating and lighting at \$2,200.

September 1 bond of contractors was approved.

October 26 the first installment of \$5,000 from Mr. Carnegie was requested, and was duly received

November 10 the first payment on the contract was made to the builders, and the total amount paid on the general contract so far has been \$4,020

The work of construction was continued until cold weather set in, and the foundation for the building is now practically complete. The terms of the contract require that the building shall be finished by September 1, 1904.

Respectfully Submitted

H. Groveson

President

C. S. Hall

Secretary