

do most earnestly, to perpetuate for all time the name and memory of my dear late husband, who I know was a particular friend of you all, I have concluded that I cannot better do so, than by devoting a portion of the means which it pleased God to give us, to the establishing of a free public library and reading room, to be open to all honest and respectable persons whomsoever, of every rank in life, without distinction, and also of a lecture hall in connection therewith—the whole for the diffusion of useful knowledge. I desire you, gentlemen, to be the first trustees of the institution, which office I trust you will all accept; and application should be made at the approaching session of the Legislature for an Act to incorporate you under the name "Pettes Memorial," which is the title I wish to give the establishment.

As soon as the Act is passed, and the building is completed, I shall donate to you in your corporate capacity the land, building, and dependencies, and also a sum of money for the annual maintenance of the institution. The Act of incorporation should provide that the reading room and lecture hall are mere accessories to the library, and to be used only in connection with it, and for such purposes only as will promote its usefulness, making always the acquisition and maintenance of a library the leading object to be kept in view. I should like that J. C. Pettes should be the first President of the board of Trustees, and that he and they should retain office during life. The Act should further provide that in the event of a vacancy in the office of President or of Trustee, by death, resignation, or removal, permanently, from the limits of the village of Knowlton or of the Township of Brome, the remaining members of the board should have the right to appoint some person resident in said village or Township, and whom they considered qualified to be President or Trustee, as the case might be. Any further particulars as to what the Act should contain I leave to your own good judgement to suggest.

Yours Sincerely,

N. PETTES.