

## Terms of Membership.

[Extract from the Constitution of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.]

CHAPTER I—ARTICLE III. Any person engaged in mercantile pursuits may, upon the approval of the Board of Directors, become a member of this Association on the following terms: Subscribing the Constitution; and, if a clerk, paying an initiation fee of two dollars, and the further sum of seventy-five cents, quarterly, in advance; and, if in business on his own account, paying an initiation fee of five dollars, and the further sum of two dollars and fifty cents, semi-annually, in advance.

ART. V. Persons not engaged in mercantile pursuits may, upon the approval of the Board of Directors, and the semi-annual payment, in advance, of two dollars and fifty cents, become beneficiary members, entitled to all the privileges of regular membership except the right to vote and hold office.

ART. VI. Any person paying one hundred dollars at any one time, shall become a life member, and, if engaged in mercantile pursuits, shall enjoy the full privileges of membership.

### RULES FOR THE ISSUE OF BOOKS, ETC.

[Extract from Regulations of the Library.]

ART. I. The Library and Reading Rooms shall be open every day from 9 o'clock, A. M., until 10 o'clock, P. M., excepting Sundays, the Fourth of July, Christmas and New Year.

ART. II. The Librarian shall deliver to any member applying, personally, or to his *written order*, one volume if it be of a folio or quarto; and one book or set, (not exceeding three volumes,) if an octavo, a duodecimo, or a volume of less size.

ART. XII. Every member may detain each book or set, delivered as aforesaid, if it be a folio or quarto, four weeks; an octavo, three weeks; or a book or set of less size, two weeks; except new publications, which, until they have been in the Library two months, shall not be detained, an octavo longer than two weeks, and books of less size, one week, and which shall not be renewed. No book shall be reserved by the Librarian for any director or member.

ART. XIII. Any member who shall detain a book or set longer than the time above limited, respectively, shall forfeit and pay to the Librarian, for every day a volume is so detained, if it be a folio, four cents; a quarto, three cents; an octavo, two cents; if it be a duodecimo or smaller volume, or pamphlet, one cent; *Provided, always*, if a whole set be taken out and a part be detained longer than the time above limited, the fine shall be exacted for each book not returned; and if such book be detained one week beyond the time above limited, the forfeiture shall be double.