

The following rules to be observed by *The Library Company of Philadelphia* were adopted at an early date, and have been in force, without variation, to the present time, and are now in force :

Rules to be Observed by the Library Company of Philadelphia.

I. THE Librarian shall attend at the Library every day (Sundays excepted), from the first day of April until the first day of October, from two o'clock P. M. until sunset, and from the first day of October until the first day of April, from one o'clock P. M. until sunset. He shall enter in the catalogue kept at the Library such books as may be purchased or added to the Library, label and number the same, as well as all others from which the label or number may be torn off or defaced. He shall also replace the books on the shelves, as they are brought in, as soon as he conveniently can, first having examined whether they are free from damage.

II. He shall lend to any member,

One Folio for five	} Weeks,
One Quarto for three	
One Octavo, or	
Two Duodecimos for two	

and no greater number, unless on hire, or so connected as to be otherwise useless. Such persons, however, who reside at the distance of seven miles or upward, are permitted to have books one week longer than the above-mentioned times. For all books so lent he shall take a note, payable to the Company, for double the value as high as he can estimate, of the book or set of books to which they belong, conditioned to return the same, undefaced, within the time above mentioned ; at the expiration of which (unless application has been made by another member for the same books, and the Librarian requested to take a memorandum thereof), the borrower may,