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### Union Book Club

*A Century of Books*, written by Mary Beth Bloomer, a former president of the Union Book Club, provides a fine description of the Book Club's founding in 1882. Beginning with the original Constitution, it traces its evolution through the years.

At the time, The Club was primarily for women, noting that if a member found a book offensive, a substitution would be made.

Books purchased in 1889-90 are listed, providing an insight into the interests and issues of the day. The majority of the names of the authors have now faded into the past.

An interesting feature is the inclusion of the 1890 membership list, with some names that will still be recognized today by association with building and streets in Rutland.

The issue concludes with a book review of *The Rutland Road* by Jim Shaughnessy, commented on by Gardner A. Caverly, past President of the Railroad 1954-57.