

OF THE

## TRUSTEES

OF THE

## NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY.

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## Rew York Society Library.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

THE By-Laws adopted by the Board of Trustees chosen at the Annual Meeting of the shareholders in April, 1855, provide that an "Annual Report of the affairs and condition of the Corporation shall be presented to the members at their annual meeting, together with the Report of the Auditing Committee."

In presenting this their second annual report, the Trustees feel that they have good cause to congratulate the members

on the present flourishing condition of the Library.

The new building is now entirely completed and paid for, and in beauty of design and adaptation to the uses for which it was erected, is not surpassed by any similar edifice in the city. When the last report was made, there remained a balance to be provided for on the Building Fund of \$8,722 24. It had been confidently expected that this indebtedness would be mostly extinguished by the bond and mortgage of the Messrs. Appleton on the building formerly occupied by the Library, amounting to \$5,000, which amount had been withheld by agreement, until the question of arrears of taxes claimed by the city should be decided.

The Special Committee of the Trustees, consisting of Messrs. Chas. E. Strong, J. P. G. Foster, and Otis D. Swan, to which the matter had been referred, made every exertion to accomplish this end, and through their efforts a report favorable to

the Library was introduced into and passed the Board of Councilmen.

The report, however, met with unexpected opposition in the Board of Aldermen, and failed to pass that body. The principal objection urged was, that the Corporation had derived a revenue from the stores and lecture room in its building, and that it was not in the strict sense of the term a Public Library; this too, notwithstanding the formal declaration made in the original charter, that it is a Public Library, which charter was afterwards expressly sanctioned by the Legislature of the State in 1789.

Although a large amount had been raised through the personal exertions of the Trustees by the sale of new rights, commutation of dues and otherwise, there seemed no alternative left but to encumber the property with a bond and mortgage.

The Trustees were very unwilling to do this while there remained a possibility of liquidating the debt by an appeal to the liberality of shareholders and the public. Other and similar institutions had in this way been recently and effectually relieved from embarrassment, and it was believed that the claims of the Library properly set forth would also receive favorable consideration.

Pending their deliberations on the subject, a communication was submitted by the Comptroller of the city, offering to compromise the claim on the following basis.

The Messrs. Appleton had been compelled to redeem two sales for taxes, as follows:

April 13, 1854, One for - - - \$783 58

June 10 " - - 716 60

Leaving unpaid of the arrears chargeable to the Library, the sum of \$917 04

Which, with the interest accrued at the rates allowed by law, amounted to about \$1,600.

The Comptroller offered to accept the original amount of \$917 04 remaining due, without the interest, provided that the Library would abandon their efforts to procure a remission of the taxes.

The subject was duly considered by the Trustees, and the compromise accepted, inasmuch as, by the terms of Mr. Appleton's bond, he then had a right to pay the whole amount and charge it to the Library, and had given notice that he would do so. The Treasurer was authorized to execute the necessary papers, and at the next meeting of the Board had the satisfaction to announce that "THE CORPORATION DID NOT OWE A DOLLAR." By this arrangement the question of liability to future taxation is regarded as settled, the Library deriving no income in its new building from the sources complained of heretofore.

The amount realized from the bond and mortgage of the Messrs. Appleton, was as follows:

A	mount of b	ond and mort	gage, -				\$5,000 0	00
April	13, 1854,	Amount paid	to redeem	sale,	\$783	58		
June	10, 1854,		. "	"	716	60		
Oct.	30, 1856,	Residue of tax	xes,		917	04		
	Legal	expenses,			50	00	2,467	22
Balance due and paid to the Library,							\$2,532 7	18

Gratifying however as this result may be, the Trustees indulge the hope that the friends of the Library will not consider it cause for any relaxation in their efforts to place it upon the most stable foundation. It has but just been relieved from the incubus of a heavy debt which made its best friends despond, and is now for the first time in many years able to sustain itself, and in a condition to enter upon a course of generous rivalry with its (so far as public favor is concerned) more fortunate neighbors. Its dark era is passed, and we trust a bright future is before it. But there still remains very much to be done. The salaries and other expenses, which are regulated with a view to the most rigid economy, absorb most of the income, and the surplus does not admit of that liberality in the purchase of books which the high character and position of the Library demand. All has been done that its limited resources permitted, and it completes another year in its existence richer in its matériel, and we trust more useful in dispensing its benefits to the public.

During the year the Library has received many valuable donations.

The British Government has presented it, through the Hon. George M. Dallas, our minister at the Court of St. James, with a superb copy of "The Architectural Antiquities of the Collegiate Chapel of St. Stephens, Westminster."

From Miss F. D. Harrison, we have received a very liberal donation of 77 volumes, principally in French and Spanish

literature.

Mrs. W. H. Bradford has presented a valuable collection of costumes, consisting of 330 plates finely engraved and colored.

To the State, Treasury, and Navy Departments at Washington, the Smithsonian Institution, the Regents of the University, several public institutions, and some thirty individual friends of the Library, we have also been much indebted for donations more or less valuable.

Suitable acknowledgments have been made for these gifts, which it is hoped may prove the stimulus to many similar benefactions on the part of other friends of the Library, who have the taste and ability to promote its usefulness and add to our intellectual stores.

Donations constituted its first wealth, and some of them now form a most attractive portion of its collections. Its first and principal donors have long since passed away, but the good seed thus planted has not failed to yield an abundant harvest.

In general libraries, nothing is too insignificant to be received. It has been well said "that the most insignificant tract, the most trifling essay, a sermon, a newspaper, or a song, may afford an illustration of manners or opinions elucidatory of the past, and throw a faithful though feeble light on the pathway of the future historian."

Will not some of its friends follow these good examples, and make us donations in works of art and illustrated volumes? In European libraries such works have been found to be of great service in advancing the taste for art, not only among the higher classes, but among the artizans themselves, and the same good result would without doubt be attained here. It

has been given in evidence that the causes of excellence and superiority in French designs, were attributable to the works on art in the libraries of Lyons, and their accessibility to the operatives. We have abundant room, and if such works and objects of art were but left on deposit, an advantage would even then accrue, which the Library could never secure from its own resources. The testimony of the librarian goes to show that the few works of this nature we now possess are very frequently inquired for and consulted, not only by members, but by strangers from various parts of the country. The Mercantile Library Association is giving much attention to this Department, and their collection, the munificent gift of its friends, already amounts to several thousand dollars in value.

In its whole history of one hundred and fifty years, our library has received but one legacy—a noble-minded lady bequeathed it the munificent sum of \$5,000, and has forever connected the name of "Demilt" most honorably with this and other objects of her benevolence. Shall her good example not be emulated by others?

A new feature in the establishment—THE LADIES' READ-ING ROOM—has been found to add much to its attractiveness. The attendance has been constantly increasing, and it has answered the best expectations of the Trustees in awakening a lively interest on the part of those whose aid is ever essential, and whose "Woman's Rights" in this sphere of her duty, they would acknowledge to the fullest extent. It has supplied a desideratum, in opening an agreeable literary resort for such as have the taste and leisure to use its privileges, and when better known and appreciated, must necessarily exert a good influence in creating a taste for reading, and offering a profitable occupation for time not otherwise employed. Every advantage that the Library can offer is promptly and politely given by the librarian and his assistants, and the further development of the plan must depend on those who frequent and use the room.

Since the last report was made, the Trustees and the institution have sustained a severe loss in the death of one of their number—Mr. Robert Kelly. The Library

had no warmer or more efficient friend, and had his valuable life been spared, would have derived great benefit from his highly cultivated taste and great experience. Unassuming in his deportment, and unostentatious of his literary attainments, he could only be properly appreciated by such as were brought into intimate association with him, and our own is but one of the many public institutions of the city, literary, educational and benevolent, which received his devoted attention, and have just cause to deplore his loss.

During the winter a series of lectures was delivered by the librarian in the hall of the Library, free to the shareholders and their friends, and was honored with the attendance of an intelligent and appreciating audience.

The system of lecturing has long been a leading feature in the Mercantile Library Association, and while exerting a beneficial moral influence on its members, has also been of great advantage as a profitable source of income to the institution. They have been enabled to remunerate their lecturers with such liberality as to secure talent of the highest order, and thus attract the attention of the public and enlist its sympathies in their Association. It is a question for consideration how far this system might be adopted by us. Supposing it to be equally successful, it would at least be the means of providing a fund for the purchase of books, and so otherwise increase the resources of the Library as to leave room for more liberality in remunerating the services of its employees.

A change has been made in the hours heretofore customary for closing the Library. It was formerly opened at 8 A. M., and closed at sunset. It is now open from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M., from May 1st to November 1st, and from 8 A. M. to 9 P. M., from November 1st to May 1st. This change was deemed necessary for the accommodation of many of the shareholders, and experience has shown its usefulness and wisdom. It has been the means of largely increasing the circulation of the Library, besides affording additional facilities for reference and study.

The Reading-Room has been kept open as usual, and the attendance has been constantly improving. The following

additions have been made to this department during the year:-

Annals and Magazine of Natural History.
Art Journal.
Bankers' Magazine.
Barnard's Journal of Education.
Bently's Miscellany.
Bibliographie de France.
Edinburgh Quart. Jour. of Agriculture.
Graham's Magazine.
Horticulturist.
London Lancet.
Tait's Edinburgh Magazine.

Cincinnati Daily Gazette.
Congressional Globe.
N. Y. Democrat.
Freeman's Journal.
Harper's Weekly.
Galignani's Messenger.
Independence Belge.
Leslie's Illustrated Paper.
Porter's Spirit of the Times.
Presbyterian.
La Presse.

A complete list of papers, periodicals, &c., now taken, is appended to this report, and it is believed that it will be found to be more comprehensive than that of most similar institutions in the country; offering to the scholar, the merchant, or the man of leisure, abundant and agreeable occupation for the idle hour.

The Treasurer's report and the report of the Committee appointed to audit the same, will be found annexed. The arduous duties of this Officer have been performed with an ability and fidelity worthy of all praise and eminently entitle him to the thanks of the Trustees and shareholders.

The amount received from all sources, to the close of the												
fiscal year, including the balance on hand at the date												
of last report, is		\$31,563	19									
Disbursements for the same period, including paymen	ts											
on the building contracts,		31,423	29									
Leaving a Balance of cash in bank,		\$139	90									
There has been Expended for the purchase of Books,		1,234	57									
" Newspapers and Magazines,		673	14									
" Binding, Printing, &c.,		1,066	89									
" Salaries,		2,357	99									
The following items will show the sources of a large po	r-											
tion of the heavy receipts of the year:												
Annual dues,		4,324	00									
Received for Commutation of Dues,		4,975	00									
" New Rights,		2,325	00									
" Temporary Subscriptions,		332	50									
Donations,		65	75									
In connection with this Report, the Trustee	s d	esire ag	gain	to								

call attention to the subject of Arrears of Dues. There is now due and unpaid the sum of \$2,398 00.

This delinquency of payment has been a source of serious embarrassment to the Treasurer, and has very much impeded the operations of the Library Committee. The amount, though trifling to each individual debtor, makes in the aggregate a sum of vital importance to the interests of the library. It is on the surplus arising from this source that the additions to the library must mainly depend, and its attractiveness be consequently increased. Yet this must be but indifferently done, if the means are withheld or only given long after they become due. The Library Committee are prevented by the By-Laws from incurring a debt, and must restrict their purchases to "the actual balance of cash in the hands of the Treasurer over and above the sum required to meet the other current expenses." They have in consequence frequently lost opportunities of making highly advantageous additions to the library, and the same thing must occur again and again if the evil be continued. The Trustees feel very unwilling to enforce the penalties provided for the emergency, and trust that this allusion may have the desired effect of inducing an immediate payment by those who still remain indebted, and who, it is hoped, will properly appreciate the necessity of remedying an evil so injurious to the well-being of the library.

The General Condition of the Library may be stated in few words.

The Circulation, as compared with the two previous years, shows a very gratifying increase of over 9,000, being for the three years as follows:

March 31, 1	854 to '55, i	t was				6,328	volumes.
" " 1	855 to '56	"			D.	6,544	"
" " 1	856 to '57	"	-			15,780	"
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from var	ious sources		See les	-	A Delete	170	volumes.
During the	same period	by pu	rchase			710	"

The character of the books purchased is fully up to the standard of former years, embracing all the popular works of merit of the day. More than ordinary attention has been given to the purchase of works in foreign languages, and an additional inducement for becoming shareholders has thus been offered to the cultivated of both our native and foreign population, of which they have largely availed themselves.

Our collection in French literature is now the most extensive in the city, and amounts to over 5,000 volumes, and we have also a very respectable number in German, Italian, and Spanish literature.

We have Room on our shelves for more than 100,000 vol-

umes.

The Present Value of the property, so far as value can be put on property, some of which if destroyed could not be replaced for money, is \$140,000.

The Number of New Shares sold during the year is 93. Temporary Subscribers during the same period, - 48.

The Total Number of Shareholders is 1,255; of this number, however, 278 hold shares on which the dues are commuted. This leaves the number of shares liable to pay dues only 977, and these dues constitute the only income save what is received from the sale of new shares and temporary subscriptions.

It will thus be seen that, while the Institution is able to support itself, comparatively but a small surplus remains for the purchase of books. The Trustees would therefore again urge upon the shareholders and friends of the library, the necessity of making renewed exertions to place it in that front rank among similar institutions which its age and character demand. It was the pioneer of all others in the city or state, and has few, if any, in the country surpassing it in antiquity. It has done good service in the past, and well deserves the fostering care of all who feel an interest in the literary character of our city. Let it not be said, while similar institutions are receiving princely endowments, and, in the time of need, a liberal response to their appeals for aid, that this, the most venerable of them all, languishes for the want of a pro-

per interest in its welfare on the part of those whose pride and pleasure it should be to sustain it.

The Public Library is to a certain extent a part of the grand university scheme; the completion of our system of public education. The student when he leaves the academy or college has but crossed the threshold of knowledge. The library now becomes his quiet lecture-room, and self-instruction from its resources must supply the place of the teacher. Hence these resources should be made as comprehensive as possible, and able to meet every requisition of the searcher after knowledge.

In this connection it has been suggested by the able Librarian of the Mercantile Library Association, who has recently had an opportunity of making extensive examinations of the libraries of Europe, and of observing the workings of the systems on which they are conducted, that some plan might be devised whereby an union of interests might be effected in the libraries of the city. No one library, at present, has the means of making its collections perfect in all departments. He proposes, therefore, that each Library should have a speciality in some one department, making such department as perfect as possible; whatever, therefore, the student should fail to find in one, he could procure in the other. By this means a more complete field for the labors of the scholar might be secured than the resources of any one Library could ever hope to offer, and the value and usefulness of all be immeasurably increased. It would also, perhaps, tend to diminish the necessity of providing duplicates, which to a circulating library is always a source of great expense and loss. Some idea of the magnitude of this evil may be derived from the fact that the number of duplicates in the British Museum amounts to over 52,000 volumes, and in our own comparatively very small collection, is more than enough to fill an entire alcove. The suggestion seems worthy of serious consideration.

Public Libraries exert a more important and pervading influence upon the literature of a country than is generally supposed. Even the literature of England has been much indebted to the libraries of the Continent. Roscoe, like Gibbon, was "obliged to collect his own instruments of literary labor,"

while Graham, the historian of North America, removed to Gottingen to avail himself of its "well-stored and freely accessible public library."

How much more sensibly must the evil be felt in our own country. Our historians and scholars have all been compelled to avail themselves of the resources of the European libraries, or in like manner collect their own tools for literary labor. To such a degree has this been necessary, that the libraries of many of them are little better than a collection on one subject or science.

A report was made some years since to the British Parliament by a committee "appointed on the best means of extending the establishment of libraries freely open to the public, especially in large towns," which shewed some singular results regarding the number of books accessible to the public as compared with the population of the several States of Europe. The most favored were found to be the smaller German States, Denmark, Switzerland, and Prussia. The relative number of books publicly accessible was found to be in the German States 450 to every one hundred inhabitants, in Denmark, 412, in Switzerland 350, and in Prussia 200, while in Holland and the British Isles, the lowest in the estimate, it was but 63 to 53.

The very interesting examinations of our private libraries which have been recently made by Dr. Wynne and others, show a result gratifying as regards our own country, but more particularly so to us, as elevating to a higher rank the literary character of our city. We have been accused of being a people entirely given up to the pursuit of wealth. Our System of Public Education, with its noble Free Academy, is a sufficient refutation of the charge; let our libraries also now add their testimony. The total number of volumes in the public libraries is about 348,000, and in our private libraries, so far as known, 270,000, making a total of 618,000 volumes. This would give a ratio of one book to every two persons, publicly accessible, and taking public and private libraries together, of one book to every inhabitant.

While this places us on a very favorable footing as com-

pared with some of the countries of Europe, it leaves us very far behind the most favored, much more so, in fact, than is consistent with our boasted intelligence.

This examination has also shown the very gratifying fact, that while our Public Libraries are comparatively very insignificant as contrasted with the immense libraries of Europe, many of our Private Libraries, both in extent and value, will bear most favorable comparison with any to be found in the possession of the most learned and wealthy of other countries; some of them, too, the property of merchants and persons who make no pretensions whatever to literary distinction.

It was said by one of the warmest friends of our library, that it was once the Literary Heart of the city. There is no just reason why it should not, to a great extent, be so now. The sphere of the Society Library is capable of indefinite expansion; but like the other libraries of the city, it has also its distinctive character.

The Mercantile Library Association, as its name imports, was founded mostly for the use and improvement of such as are connected with commercial life. It is a noble institution and in its peculiar sphere without a parallel. It is managed with great ability, and is an engine of incalculable good to the classes for whom it was more immediately designed.

The Astor Library is a magnificent monument of the liberality of an individual, rich in its collection, and munificently endowed; but it is more especially a library of reference, chiefly useful to the scholar and the man of science.

The Historical Society Library looks more immediately to the labors of the antiquarian and historian, and has a noble mission to accomplish. It has enlisted in its management an energetic and very able Board of Trustees, has long enjoyed the favor of the public, and has very recently, in answer to its appeal, like the Mercantile Library Association, received most substantial aid.

Ours is emphatically the Family Library, sending its treasures to the fireside and the closet. This is more particularly

its sphere; here its genial influence is most exerted. It is truly a literary heart, and its pulsations should be felt in every part of the public body. Let this be the case; let its circulation be healthful and active, and it too will fulfil its mission in sending light and knowledge into every quarter of our widely extended city.

Upon its friends depends the issue, and to them we appeal

to aid us in the good work.

By order of the Trustees,

CHAS. R. SWORDS,

Chairman.

WM. J. HOPPIN, Secretary.

March 31, 1857.

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#### TO THE TRUSTEES

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### THE NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY.

THE Committee appointed under the fifth section of title 1st, chapter first of the By-Laws, "to audit the accounts of the Corporation, to make an inventory of all its real and personal estate, except the books, and to prepare a general statement of its accounts, funds, and affairs."

#### RESPECTFULLY REPORT:

That they have examined the Treasurer's accounts of cash received and paid during the year ending March 31st, 1857, and find the same to be entirely correct; that proper vouchers have been produced for all disbursements, and satisfactory evidence of the amounts received; and that on that day there remained a balance of one hundred and thirty-nine dollars and ninety cents in the American Exchange Bank, to the credit of this Corporation.

From the Treasurer's accounts they derive the following statement of the receipts and payments during the fiscal year; which is herewith presented as the Annual Report of the Treasurer for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1857:

		- 1			-
1856.					
To pa	id new books,			\$1,234	57
"	newspapers,	\$400	00		
46	magazines and periodicals,	. 273	14	673	14
		_			
"	printing,	. 99	89		
"	stationery,	. 154	71		
"	binding,	. 585	03		
,"	covering books,		25		
"	postage,	. 123	33		
"	advertising,	. 62	51		
"	stage fare,	. 26	63		
"	freight,	. 14	54	. 1,066	89
		_			
"	Croton water tax,		00		
"	gas,		76		
**	fuel,	. 793	25	1,290	01
"	rent to American Bible Society,	-	-	00=	
"				605	74
"	insurance on building,				
	do. on books and furniture,	. 148	85	579	40
	salaries, librarian,	1.200	00		
"	do. Mr. Butler, (Assistant,)				
"	do. Quin, (Janitor,)				
"	do. Cowperthwaite, (boy,)				
"	do. Roe, (Janitor's Assistant,)				
"	do. Labberton, "		00		
**				0.054	00
	do. Delamater, (boy,)	30	-00	2,357	99
"	extra labor,	240	09		
"	expenses of moving,			541	34
"	commission on collecting dues,	278	00		
"	do. on rights,	75	00	353	00
**	furniture,			1,121	45
"	repairs,				14
**	new building, carpenter,		22	T STO	
."	do. mason,	8,701			
"	do. plumbing,	680			
"	do. gas fitting and fixtures,				
"	do. architect and surveyor,	760			
"	do. furnaces and grates,	1,038			
16	do. marble work and tiling	The latest the same of		21,363	83
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"	sundries,			148	79
1857, M	Ich 31, Balance in the American Exchange Bank,			139	90
			-		10.
			\$3	31,563	19

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

in account with Chas. E. Strong, Treasurer.						Cr				
1856.										
April 1.	By b	alance	e on	hand in bank,		\$4.	952	26		
to Zinnin				annual dues,		4	324	00		
	"	"	66	commutation of dues on 72 shares,		4	975	00		
	"	66	"	new rights 93 new members,		2	325	00		
	- "	66	"	temporary subscriptions,			332			
	- 66	"	**	donations,				75		
	"	"	"	hire of books,	10	87				
	**	- "	"	new certificates,		00				
	66	"	**	fines,		56				
	66	" "		books lost and damaged,		28				
		"	60	catalogues sold,		00				
		**	**	transfer fees,	18					
	**	**	**	consultation fees,		25	70	96		
	**	"	- 66	insurance premiums returned,	- 1	20		74		
	**	66	"	gas fixtures sold,				00		
	"	"	- 66	special deposit U. S. Trust Co.,		11				
	"	**	**	investments paid off,			$\frac{400}{532}$			

" interest on investments, ...

1857.
March 31. By balance in bank, \$139 90

E. & O. E. March 31st, 1857. CHAS. E. STRONG, Treasurer.

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The Treasurer exhibited to the Committee the following securities and vouchers, which, together with the furniture, &c., form the complete inventory required by the By-Laws above referred to:

Deed from A. E. Schern	nerhorn	for la	nd in Uni	iversity	Place,	on		
which the new build	\$18,650							
2 Building thereon, cost	51,848	83						
3.—Cash in Bank,	-	139	90					
To which must be adde								
of the Society, and	2,500							
Total inventory of the pr	\$73,138	73						
Also, eight policies	of ins	suran	ce on th	e libra	ary b	aild	ling, viz	. :
Relief Fire Insurance	Co. exp	oires 1	oth June,	1857,	-	1	\$5,000	
Aretie "	"		th Oct.,			-	5,000	
Howard "	"	6	"		0/-	-	5,000	
Knickerbocker			"		-	-	5,000	
Eagle			"		-	-	5,000	
United States	4.		"		-	-	5,000	
Firemen's	"	"	"		-	-	5,000	
Jefferson	"		"		-	-	5,000	
							\$40,000	
Also, four policie	s of i	nsura	nce on	the l	oooks	, v	iz.:	
Republic Fire Insuran	ce Co.	expires	1st June	, 1857,	-	-	\$5,000	
Equitable "	66	**	66	44		-	5,000	
N. American "	46	"	.4	"	-	-	5,000	
Manhattan "	46	"	"	"	-	-	5,000	
							\$20,000	
From the foregoin	no acc	ount	of the	Treas	surer.	it		
appears that the Inco	me fr	om 1	sual so	urces	was.		- \$4,727	46
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Salaries paid during the y	ear,	1112	,	40				
Insurance,	Zhon		- 1,290				4,227	40
Gas, Croton and Fuel, -	and it		1,290	- 01				
Leaving for books, magazi	nes and	incid	entals,	-			- \$500	06
Total current and usual en	xpenses	, -		-			- 6,481	
Deficiency of Income to m				-			- 1,753	90
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Under the circumstances, the Committee call the attention of the Trustees to the propriety of reducing the expenses, and reserving a larger portion of their receipts for the increase of the Library. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT LENOX KENNEDY, J. P. GIRAUD FOSTER, WILLIAM ADAMS.

New York, 8th April, 1857.

#### LIST OF

## PAPERS, PERIODICALS, ETC.,

TAKEN BY

#### THE NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY,

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#### AMERICAN AND FOREIGN PERIODICALS.

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