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THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY.

In conformity with the provisions of the By-Laws of this Institution, the Trustees submit, for the information of the Shareholders, the condition of its affairs during the fiscal year which terminated with the close of the month of March last.

The Treasurer's Annual Report, made up to the first day of April, instant, exhibits the several amounts collected during the past year, the sources of the payments from time to time made to him during that period, the disposition of this aggregate amount, with a statement of the balance on hand.

The report of the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer is herewith submitted in its full details; and these documents form part of this communication by the Trustees.

The increase of the Library will appear from the list of books purchased and donated to it, which list also is appended, and forms part of the present Annual Report; but such list does not include the additions made to the "De Peyster Alcove," the books therein being for reference and use in the Library and not for circulation or removal from it.

Among the donations made during the past year particular reference should be made to the works on the subject of Arctic Explorations presented to the Library by Mr. James Benkard. These consist of seventy volumes, hand-somely bound, and form a complete history to the present day of Arctic discoveries. They are in English and French, and include accounts of the various attempts made in the fields of polar research, from the earliest period of such enterprises to the present time. These books will be kept in a separate alcove, and the donor proposes to make additions to this collection whenever further publications appear having reference to the same interesting subject.

It has been the wish of the Trustees, as it is the aim of the Library Committee, to the extent of the income applicable to the purpose, to furnish

books which are in most general demand. The complete supply of works of recognized value, and also of those of a more scientific character, calls for the creation of a permanent fund, the income of which will suffice to provide such publications, to maintain the proper standard of such a collection as our own.

This suggestion, if carried into successful accomplishment, would materially benefit a class of readers whose influence could not fail to elevate the character of this Institution. The subject is therefore presented for further consideration, in the hope of an earnest attempt to realize this important object.

The room referred to in the last annual report, and designated "Ladies' Room," has been appropriately furnished, and is now exclusively set apart for their accommodation.

A word, again, may be fitly spoken on the benefit which would accrue to the Society from the cooperation of its members in a successful effort to increase the number of shareholders. By far the oldest institution of its class in the city, for a long time the only Public Library of New York, it has had from the beginning for its supporters our most respected and influential families, by whom it is still sustained. But in the changes of time, by deaths, removals and other causes, there is a constant tendency to loss or falling off of members; not very great, perhaps, in a single year, but steadily growing more formidable in the aggregate.

All societies of this kind, depending for their support upon annual payments, require, in fact, additions from time to time of new members to maintain their strength. Is it too much to ask of our shareholders, who have all a common interest in the welfare of the Institution, to do something effective in making known the advantages of the Institution to their friends and the public generally?

Never has the Library been in a more healthy condition for an effort of this kind than at present. It is possessed of a valuable property in its land, building, and accumulated store of volumes; as a circulating library, taking its collection of old standard books with the new, it offers the greatest facilities to readers, while its amply supplied Reading Room may challenge comparison with any in the city. In its provision for the comfort and convenience of its members it certainly has no superior. This is acknowledged by its members, and, as shown by the Treasurer's report of the past year, in a practical way,—in the promptness of payment of dues, which has enabled the Trustees to provide improved accommodation for visitors without exceeding in the outlay for this purpose the annual income.

Here it may be remarked that the Institution is absolutely free from debt—an important consideration to persons who may be invited to become stockholders.

If these advantages were made known to persons interested in supplying to their families an agreeable place of resort, with the enjoyment in their homes of the best literature, new and old, at a most moderate cost, we believe the response to the claims of this Institution for the increase of its members would be hearty and general. Let, then, the shareholders join with the Trustees in an effort to bring about this result. It certainly ought readily to be accomplished.

FREDERIC DE PEYSTER,

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TO THE TRUSTEES

OF

THE NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY.

The Committee appointed to "audit the accounts of this Corporation, and to make an inventory of all its real and personal property," etc., respectfully report:—

That they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending March 31, 1875, compared the expenditures with the vouchers, and find the same to be correct.

The balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the Corporation on the 1st day of April, 1875, is \$340.31.

The Commutation Fund consists of-

One U. S. 10-40 bond	
One U. S. 5-20 bond 1,000 }	3,000.00
One Cairo & Fulton R. R. Sinking Fund bond . 1,000)	

Total, \$128,000.00

The Insurance on the Library	Building is .			\$50,000.00
Insurance on the Books				40,000.00

The statement of the Receipts and Expenditures during the fiscal year just closed, and hereunto annexed, is submitted as the Annual Report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ADAMS, FREDERICK SHELDON, RICHARD E. MOUNT.

NEW YORK, April 1, 1875.

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Agassiz, L. Structure of Animal Life.	8vo. N. Y. 1874
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Annual Record of Science and Industry for 1874. Ed. by S. F.	. Baird. 12mo. N. Y. 1875
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