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## TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

One Share (with annual dues commuted) ....... ........ . $\$ 15000$
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These shares do not merely give the use of the Library, etc., but are interests in the Real Estate, Books, etc., and can be bought and sold like any other stock.

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9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

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## Persons entitled to use the establishment are:

Members not in arrears for Annual Payments, Fines, etc.
Strangers (for one month) when regularly introduced by members.
Persons not Members or Subscribers have the privilege of consultation by the payment of 25 cents.

## REGULATIONS.

Loaning of Books.-Every shareholder of or subscriber to the Ne: N York Society Library shall be allowed to take out four works at a time, of which not more than one shall be a new work.

New books may be kept one week only. Other books may be kept three weeks with the privilege. of renewal, unless other members hava applied for them.

Books recently purchased or for any reason in demand will be considered as new books.

Fines. - One cent per volume must be paid for each day they are retained over the time allowed. Loss or damage of books must be paid; if a part of a set, the value of the entire set must be paid for.

No member can lend any book belonging to the Library.

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Trustees of the New

## York Society Library.

The Trustees of the New York Society Library respectfully submit to the Shareholders the following statement of its condition for the year ending March 31, 1897.

The report of the Treasurer, presented herewith, shows the receipts from all sources during the year, to have amounted to $\$ 2 \mathrm{I}, 469.72$ and the disbursements of all kinds to $\$ 2 \mathrm{I}$, $193 \cdot 76$, leaving a balance on hand of $\$ 275.96$, of which amount the sum of $\$ 238.04$ belongs to the income of the " Green Fund, " $\$ 55.65$ thereof to be devoted to the purchase of books for the Green Alcove or Art Department, and $\$ \mathbf{I} 82.39$ to the purchase of books for the general library.

Owing to the large number of commutations of annual dues, and other inevitable changes in the membership, and of the location of the library, the diminution of the income from annual payments has been larger than in the preceding year.

Mortgages to the amount of $\$ 6,000$ have been paid off, and that sum, together with $\$ 2$, ooo belonging to the Commutation Fund, is now on deposit in the Union Trust Company awaiting a favorable opportunity for investment.

The total number of visitors during the year was 19,43I, of whom 14, 146 were ladies and 5,285 were gentlemen.

The circulation of books amounted to 29,752, (of which 22,117 were works of fiction) and was largest in the month of February and smallest in the month of August.

These figures show a slight increase in circulation over the previous year. A record of books consulted in the building, indıcates an increase over the preceding year; but it is impossible to keep an accurate record, owing to the fact that the readers are allowed to help themselves to the works of reference. Members and strangers often mention with pleasure the absence of "red tape," which is so conspicuous in this Library.

During the year auction sales have been carefully watched, and many books of rarity and value have been acquired at prices far below the original cost. Among the most valuable may be mentioned Lepsius' " Denkmäler aus Egypten und Aethiopién, 12 vols. Selby's " British Ornithology," 2 vols. "The Vanderbilt Gallery," 10 vols. "Musèe Français et Royal," 6 vols. " Zeitschrift für bildende kunst," 30 vols., and Elliot's Birds of Paradise."

About four hundred duplicate books which could not be disposed of at the library, were sent to Bangs' auction rooms, and $\$ 160$ were realized, which sum is to be devoted to the purchase of new books. More copies of popular works have been purchased during the past year than ever before, in order, if possible, to meet the difficulty which some have found of obtaining new books from the library, and members have been notified by postal card, in the order of their application, when a desired book has been returned. This arrangement seems to have given satisfaction to most members, but it involves extra labor for the library staff.

Throughout the United States a very strong interest has been aroused in tracing family history owing to the formation of many hereditary and patriotic societies. The interest has been especially marked among the members of our Library, comprising as it does, representatives of most of the old families of the City in its membership. To meet this demand, the Library Committee have caused to be purchased during the year as far as the funds would permit, such local histories as contained genealogical material, and which the Library did not already possess.

An album has been purchased by the librarian, in which it is intended to place photographs of all the trustees of the institution, from its beginning, so far as it is possible to acquire them at this day. This will, it is hoped, prove a very interesting
contribution to its history and its members will confer a great favor by sending any photographs which they may possess for deposit in this album. Several have been promised already, and it is hoped that within a year a representative collection may be made.

Owing to the erection of a lofty building in the rear of our lot, the light has been excluded from the Reading Room to such an extent that the Committee have deemed it wise to move the papers and periodicals upstairs for a portion of the day. This arrangement has given satisfaction to most of the readers, furnishing ample light and better ventilation. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of ladies using the papers and periodicals during these hours.

The trustees take pleasure in acknowledging the generous gift of a member of the Board, Mr. F Augustus Schermerhorn, who has provided an expensive case and cards for a catalogue, and paid during last summer for the services of extra cataloguers, and has signified his intention of completing the work, so that the Library may be catalogued according to modern methods and its stories of valuable material be made available. They also gratefully acknowledge the interest shown by Mr. W Ten Eyck Hardenbrook, a new shareholder, in his gifts of " Financial New York, " a valuable work, and the "Triumph of Reform; '" by Mr. Howland Pell in the gift of Dart's " Abbey Church of St. Peter's, Westminster, " London, 1723, a very rare book ; by Mrs. S. S. Cox, Mrs. J. A. Hardenbergh, Dr. Ellsworth Elliot, and others, of various valuable works.

GEO. V N. BALDWIN,

Chairman.
April 14, 1897.

| To paid for books and periodicals. | . $\$ 3,874.15$ | April 1st, 1896. |  |  |
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| ". binding | 564.87 | By balance in the | Bank of the Metropolis. | \$298.66 |
| " postage a | 67.45 | By balance of inco | me of the "Green Fund" | 1,536.03 |
| salaries | 5,030.47 | Cash received for | annual dues. | 2,824.00 |
| gas | 270.10 | " | temporary subscriptions | 386.50 |
| fuel | 334.30 | " | income of the "Green Fund" | 2,534.23 |
| repairs | 267.90 | , | interest on bond and mortgages | 654.50 |
| croton, ice and sprinkling street. | 61.00 |  | rents | 3,187.51 |
| insurance (for three years). | 843.75 |  | duplicate books sold. | 294.05 |
| stationery and printing. | 344.18 | " | books lost, fines, etc. | 29.24 |
| sundries | 135.59 |  | shares sold | 50.00 |
| transferred to commutation fund. | 1,400.00 |  | commutation of annual dues. | 1,675.00 |
| " deposited in Union Trust Co. | 8,000.00 |  | temporary loan | 2,000.00 |
| To balance of income of the "Green Fund" | 238.04 |  | payment of mortgages. | 6,000.00 |
| To balance in the Bank of the Metropolis. | 37.92 |  |  |  |
|  | \$21,469.72 |  |  | 21,469.72 |

JNO. A. HARDENBERGH, Treasurer.

## TO THE

## TRUSTEES

OF 'I'HE

## New York Society Library.

The Committee appointed to "audit the accounts of this Corporation, and to make an inventory of its real and personal property, excepting the books," etc., respectfully report:
That they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending March 31, 1897, compared the expenditures with the vouchers, and find the same to correspond.
The Committee have examined the securities which constitute the estate and permanent fund of the Library, and estimate their value (books excepted) as follows:
The Library Building, estimated at. $\$ 100,000,00$
The Property in Park Row, at cost. . . . 65,179.84
Bonds and Mortgages on property in W. 132d St. $4,000.00$
On deposit in Union Trust Co. .. $8,000.00$
On deposit in Manhattan Savings Inst'n (commutation Fund). 1,609.37
On deposit in the Manhattan Savings Institution (income of Green Fund)
238.04
On deposit in the Bank of the Metropolis (general account). 37.92
$\$ 179,065.17$
The insurance on the property of the Library is as follows:
On the Library Building. . $\$ 45,000.00$
On the Books, etc. .. $45,000.00$
$\$ 90,000.00$

Included in the above investments are the following bequests, viz., From the Executors of the estate of John C. Green, known as
the "John C. Green Fund" And from the Executors of the estates of-
Mary M. Keese. $12,000.00$
George B. Dorr. .. $5,000.00$
George J. Foster. $\quad 3,000.00$
Richard E. Mount.
$1,000.00$
$\$ 71,000.00$
There are no debts of any kind against the Corporation.
Respectfully submitted,
F. SHELDON,

CHARLES H. MARSHALL.
April 10, 1897.

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