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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 31st, 1900.

The report of the Treasurer, presented herewith, shows the receipts from all sources during the year, to have amounted to \$199,851.41, and the disbursements of all kinds to \$199,523.36, leaving a balance on hand of \$328.05, of which amount the sum of \$54.64 belongs to the income of the Green Fund, and \$273.41 to the General Fund.

The Library has received from the executors of the late Charles H. Contoit the sum of \$117,000 as one of the residuary legatees under the will.

The total number of visitors to the Library during the year was 16,858, of whom about three-fourths were ladies. The total circulation amounted to 35,434 volumes. This is the largest circulation recorded. For past three years the circulation has increased about 2,000 volumes per year, which would tend to show that the Library is appreciated by the members and its usefulness is on the increase. The new card catalogue has more than doubled its value as a reference library, and its treasures, the result of two centuries of growth, could with extreme difficulty be duplicated by searching the world over.

Many improvements have been made in the Library during the year. The Trustees are gratified to see the strong interest which is manifested by the Shareholders, both in the Library itself and in the recent repairs and improvements. Intelligent criticism and suggestions for increased usefulness are always appreciated. One marked way in which especial interest in the Library has been shown is in the large number of shareholders, who have made their shares perpetually free by commutation of dues. Out of 700 active shares, 342 are free from all annual dues.

Among the improvements made on and in the building during the past year, may be mentioned the removal of the cast-iron cornice from the west end of the roof. This has been a cause of constant trouble for many years, because it was impossible to stop several bad leaks, owing to its peculiar construction. The roof and skylight are now water-proof. A new plate glass window has been placed in the Green Alcove, and the room, which was before poorly lighted, is now available for students. This collection of Art books is conceded to be the best in the city, if not in the United States, along the lines which it has followed, and the Library Committee, with the co-operation of the Librarian, are watching constantly for opportunities in this country and abroad, to add to its treasures.

Telephone connection has been made with the Library and books may be ordered by telephone.

New plumbing has been introduced throughout the building, and a set wash-bowl with hot and cold water placed in the ladies' room. This has been felt to be a necessity for some time and will be appreciated. New and comfortable chairs have been purchased and smaller tables will replace the old long ones. It is intended that the reference and reading room shall be as comfortable as any club. Writing materials will be furnished so that correspondence may be attended to at the Library, if desired.

Four new furnaces have been put in and the Library has been comfortable this winter.

In January, duplicate books which could not be disposed of

at the Library, were sent to Bangs' Auction Rooms and brought about \$400.

The Trustees wish to record their sense of gratitude to Mr. F. Augustus Schermerhorn for his continued liberality. Mr. Schermerhorn is one of the three largest donors to the Library, and contrary to the usual custom, has made the gifts during his life time. In addition to the card catalogue, he has presented a typewriter to the Library during the year, and \$1000 more to carry on the catalogue.

The year has been one of progress.

Respectfully,

JOHNSTON L. DE PEYSTER, Chairman.

APRIL 11, 1900.

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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 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, 1900, compared the expenditures with the various youchers, 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:

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And from the Executors of the estates of—	
Mary M. Keese	12,000 00
George B. Dorr	5,000 00
George J. Foster	3,000 00
Richard E. Mount	1,000 00
Charles H. Contoit.	117,000 00
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Respectfully submitted,

F. SHELDON, F. AUGS. SCHERMERHORN

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