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NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY.
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Between 12th and 13th Streets.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

ONE SHARE (with annual dues commuted)	\$150 00
ONE SHARE (subject to annual payment of \$10).	25 00

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.

HOURS.

LIBRARY.	READING ROOM.
9 A. M. to 6 P. M.	9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

People entitled to use the establishment are:

Members not in arrears for Annual Payments, Fines, etc.
Strangers (for one month) when regularly introduced by members.

REGULATIONS.

LENDING.—Every shareholder of or subscriber to the New 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 have 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 for; if a part of a set, the value of the entire set must be paid for.

No member can *lend* any books 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, 1901.

The report of the Treasurer, presented herewith, shows the receipts from all sources during the year to have amounted to \$81,476.27, and the disbursements of all kinds to \$80,292.74, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,183.53, of which amount the sum of \$618.48 belongs to the income of the Green Fund and \$565.05 to the General Fund.

The Library has received from the executors of the late Charles H. Contoit the sum of \$20,004.86 as one of the residuary legatees under the will, making, with sums previously received up to this date, \$137,004.86. It is expected that a small additional sum will be received from the same source.

The total number of visitors to the Library during the year was 17,522, of whom 4,262 were men; showing an increase in the percentage of men using the Library. The total circulation of volumes was 35,581, which is somewhat larger than the previous year. There were sent by mail and express 416 packages into the country. This feature of the Library's business is on the increase, and on the introduction of cheaper rates by the Post Office Department (as contemplated) will

develop still more. During the five months from November to April, our messenger carried 3,202 books, visiting 842 places.

Since the last annual report, many additional improvements have been made. Five new tables have replaced the old long ones; electric lights, adding greatly to the convenience of readers, have been introduced into the Library room and also throughout the stacks.

The old reading room, which was dark and inconvenient for the purpose, has been discontinued. New shelving has been placed in the room, and files of old newspapers, which had been stored in the basement, in dangerous proximity to the furnaces, are now safely housed in the room, and it will be found necessary to use the entire room for storing books in a short time.

The current periodicals and newspapers are kept upstairs entirely, where they are of easy access. This has resulted in a marked increase in their use, better light and ventilation, as well as greater comfort for the readers being secured.

A new alcove is being prepared for the books on art purchased from the income of the Green fund, as that section has outgrown its present space. This has necessitated a re-adjustment of the books throughout the building, which is still in progress.

New wired glass has been placed in the inner skylight, resulting in a much better light, while a source of danger to those sitting beneath has been removed.

Many expensive and important purchases of books have been made during the year, some of them being the only copies in the numerous libraries of New York city. The Library Committee and the Librarian are constantly searching catalogues of book dealers, new and old, in this country and abroad, for favorable opportunities to add to our valuable collection on the Fine Arts.

All current literature of general interest is purchased on the day of publication, and a sufficient number of copies to meet the demand is provided.

Among the largest donors of books and pamphlets may be mentioned F. Augustus Schermerhorn, Albert Mathews, Fred-

erick Sheldon, Johnston L. de Peyster, Mrs. Robert E. Livingston, Hon. A. R. Conkling and Dr. F S. Halsey. Members are invited to do a useful service to the Library by donating books and pamphlets, especially those relating to genealogy and local history, or newspapers printed before 1800, and thus make our unique collection more nearly complete.

In the last five years of the past century, the Library has taken many steps forward in introducing conveniences and methods to meet the wants of the members; among which may be mentioned the new card catalogue thoroughly indexing the books by author, title and subject; the electric lights, making access to the shelves in the darkest corner possible and furnishing an agreeable reading light; the installation of the telephone, connecting the Library with all parts of the city; the daily delivery by messenger, so that books may be ordered and delivered without delay to members at their residence or office; these and other facilities show the great advance in the usefulness and convenience of the Library as compared with its early days.

The Trustees have shown their intention to keep abreast of the times, to endeavor to make the Library comfortable and attractive to the members, and to offer to them those special privileges which only such an institution can afford.

A larger income is needed to carry into effect all that the Trustees would like to do, but they feel justified in expressing the hope, in view of what has been already accomplished, that the many friends of the oldest library of New York will generously aid in increasing its resources and thereby its usefulness.

Respectfully,

EDWARD KING,

April 10, 1901.

Chairman.

To amount invested in bonds and mortgages.	\$63,000 00
" " paid for salaries.	5,370 65
" " repairs and furnishings.	4,786 88
" " books	3,608 92
" " binding.	1,039 52
" " assessment, University Place sewer	334 16
" " gas and electric light.	319 19
" " sundries.	292 98
" " coal, wood and ice	292 00
" " printing	228 00
" " papers and periodicals.	203 72
" " stationery.	192 29
" " postage.	89 43
" " telephone	50 00
" " street sprinkling	10 00
" returned to Commutation Fund	375 00
" " F. de P. Foster.	100 00
1901.	
April 1. To Balance on deposit, Manhattan Savings Institution	618 48
" I. " " Union Trust	560 00
" I. " " Co..	5 05
" I. " " Bank of the Metropolis..	

By Balance in Union Trust Company.	\$45,848 00
" " Bank of Metropolis..	273 41
" " Manhattan Savings Institution.	54 64
" Amount received from the Estate of C. H. Contoit, deceased, on account of distributive share in his residuary estate...	20,004 86
" Gift from F. Augustus Schermerhorn	1,000 00
" Amount received for interest on mortgages.	4,550 00
" " income of Green Fund.	2,503 98
" " annual dues.	2,284 00
" " interest on deposits..	331 26
" " duplicate books sold.	245 17
" " temporary subscriptions	207 80
" " fines, postage and expressage, returned, etc.,	34 15
" transferred from Commutation Fund, for investment.....	1,000 00
" lent by Frederic de P Foster..	100 00
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	\$81,476 27

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FREDERIC DE PEYSTER FOSTER, *Treasurer.*

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, 1901, compared the expenditures with the various 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.		\$150,000 00
The Property in Park Row, at cost.	..	65,179 84
Bonds and Mortgages on property at 53 West 132d St.		4 000 00
" " " at 39 So. William St.		10,000 00
" " " at 29 Stone St.		
" " " at 71 Lenox Ave ..		21,000 00
" " " at 1472 Fifth Ave ..		20,000 00
" " " at 1481 Fifth Ave		29 000 00
" " " at 2632 Eighth Ave. ..		21,000 00
" " " at 2369 Seventh Ave		21,000 00
" " " at 2371 Seventh Ave..		21,000 00
On Deposit in Manhattan Savings Inst'n :		
" " " " commutation fund..		142 57
" " " " income of Green F'd		618 48
" in the Bank of the Metropolis.	5 05
" in Union Trust Co.	560 00
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		\$363,505 94
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The insurance on the property of the Library is as follows :

On the Library Building.	50,000 00
On the Books, etc..	.. .. .	102,000 00
		<u>\$152,000 00</u>

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"	.. ..	\$ 50,000 00
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.	.. ..	137,004 86
		<u>\$208,004 86</u>

Respectfully submitted,

F. SHELDON,
CHAS. H. MARSHALL.
F. AUGS. SCHERMERHORN.

APRIL, 4, 1901.

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