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# Annual Report

of

## The Trustees of the New York Society Library

THE Trustees of the New York Society Library present to the Shareholders this their report for the year ending March 31, 1937.

The Trustees have had under consideration for some time the advisability of moving from their present building and, after having considered many locations, have purchased as the new home for the Library the property at No. 53 East 79th Street, New York City, on which there is erected a modern fireproof building. They feel that this building will give greater protection for the very valuable collections and will also afford much better service to the readers, who will find the new location much more convenient. We hope to be able to open the new Library to the public some time in the late Spring of 1937. The usual atmosphere and traditions which have characterized the New York Society Library in the past will be retained.

Mr. Frank B. Bigelow retired as Librarian this year, after forty-one years of most faithful service to the Library, and has been made Librarian Emeritus by the Trustees so that in the future they may have the benefit of the vast knowledge which he has gained during the many years he was associated with the Library.

The Trustees feel that they are very fortunate in having obtained the services of Miss Edith Hall Crowell, as Librarian, to succeed Mr. Bigelow. Miss Crowell has had wide experience in this field and the Trustees are of the opinion that she is eminently qualified for this position.

The circulation of books last year was 60,535 and during the year 10,844 volumes were mailed by parcel post to readers. There are about 850 annual subscribers actively using the Library and 650 active shareholders.

The following privately printed books were received: From Mr. A. E. Gallatin, the Gallatin Iconography (being one of one hundred copies printed at the Merrymount Press). From the Union Club, the History of the Union Club by Reginald T. Townsend (being one of fifteen hundred copies printed by W. E. Rudge).

For the Trustees,

April 27, 1937

LEWIS SPENCER MORRIS,  
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