Attempts have been made to protect the building and its contents from possible damage by air bombing; skylights have been covered with iron grilles and the glass blacked out. Buckets of sand and water have been placed on every floor and a pump, shovel, etc. on the roof. A shelter room on the third floor has been prepared for any occupants of the building at the time of danger, and each member of the staff has been charged with certain responsibilities. The caretaker has qualified as air warden and five of the staff have received First Aid instruction.

The library has been placed on the mailing list of the O.C.D. and their pamphlets are on file, as well as most of the important books on the current situation. This is in line with the slogan "A nation's best defense is an enlightened people."

Our library can well be proud of its contribution to the Victory Book Campaign; to date about 3000 books have been donated by our members to the men in service. The collecting will probably continue for the duration of the war, and this library will continue to act as one of the collection centers.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the librarian and the library staff for their continued interest and cooperation.

For the Trustees,

LEWIS SPENCER MORRIS, Chairman.

April 28, 1942.

## REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

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," respectfully submits and reports:

Тнат

They have employed W. S. Salway, Certified Public Accountant, to examine the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ended March 31, 1942.

The securities were examined by the Auditing Committee on April 22, 1942

EDWARD C. DELAFIELD FREDERIC ASHTON DEPEYSTER RODMAN GILDER

Auditing Committee

New York, N. Y. April 22, 1942.