

New York  
Society Library

109 UNIVERSITY PLACE

182 YEARS OLD

*Annual Report*

1936

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OF THE NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY

Elizabeth Demilt .....	1850	\$ 5,000.00
Estate of John Cleve Green .....	1877	50,000.00
George B. Dorr .....	1877	5,000.00
Robert Lenox Kennedy .....	1878	10,000.00*
George J. Foster .....	1878	3,000.00
Richard Edwards Mount .....	1880	1,000.00
Mary Matilda (Drake) Keese .....	1880	12,000.00
F. Augustus Schermerhorn .....	1898	15,000.00†
Maria Branson Mount .....	1901	1,000.00
Charles Henry Contoit .....	1903	142,586.68
Henry Rogers .....	1917	493.34
Susan Mount .....	1918	10,000.00
Sarah C. Goodhue .....	1922	383,972.00
Beverly Chew .....	1926	2,500.00
	Total	<u>\$641,552.02</u>

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\* Expended for the decoration and nucleus of the Green Art Alcoves.

† Devoted to recataloguing the Library collection and to the introduction of the card catalogue system.



"INTERIOR VIEW OF 109 UNIVERSITY PLACE, FROM A DRAWING MADE IN 1934,  
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## LIBRARIAN

FRANK B. BIGELOW

# 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 31st, 1936.

Eighty years ago, on April 28, 1856, the Trustees met in their new building at 67 University Place (now 109 University Place) and the annual meeting of the Shareholders was held on the following day.

Phelps' Guide to New York City, 1857, says: "This is the oldest and most extensive public library in the United States. The institution was first incorporated in 1700, under the name of "The Public Library of New York." Its name was changed to its present one in 1754. The whole building most conveniently arranged, affords room for 100,000 volumes. It now contains 40,000 volumes, many of them exceedingly rare." It was then located at 67 University Place.

The Trustees have had under serious consideration for the last two years the purchase of another piece of property so that the Library could be moved from its present location. A committee was appointed for that purpose and they have considered many sites. On April 4, 1936, upon the authority of the Trustees, I signed a contract for the purchase of No. 53 East 79th Street, New York City. It will be necessary to make certain alterations so that the building may be converted for our own purposes and it is hoped that the Library will be enabled to move into its new quarters some time during the Winter of 1936-1937. By virtue of the generous gift of the late Sarah C. Goodhue we have been able to do this.

For many years, this Library was supposed to have the only copy in New York of The Book of Common Prayer printed by William Bradford in 1710. There was a copy sold at the Brinley sale in 1880 and resold in January 1935 at auction in the Ogden Goelet sale, and is now in a private collection in New York.

Mr. Henry E. Gregory whose resignation from the Board of Trustees was noted last year, was for many years an associate of the late Andrew H. Green, "The Father of Greater New York."

Mr. Gregory spent his boyhood in New York City and was familiar with the present library building, which at that time was uptown New York. For many years, he served as Secretary of the annual meeting of the Shareholders. He had been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1914 and was also a member of the Library Committee. His genial presence and sound judgment will be very much missed.

Mr. Henry James who had been a member of the Board of Trustees

since 1933, resigned on March 11, 1936, as his services were in such demand by other institutions that it was impossible for him to give the necessary time to the Society Library. His resignation was reluctantly accepted.

Privately printed books were received from several of our Members.

Mrs. Walton Martin gave "The letters of Charlotte Brinckerhoff Bronson to her mother in 1838 while on her wedding journey in Europe." Four volumes. Privately printed by Mrs. Martin.

The Reverend Dr. E. L. Pennington presented "The Beginnings of the Library in Charleston, S. C." and "Nathaniel Evans, Poet of Colonial America."

From the Estate of Mrs. Cadwalader Jones, through the courtesy of Mrs. Max Farrand, we received more than 200 volumes, first editions, privately printed and association books.

Mrs. Henry G. Bartol gave "The Papers of the Presidents of the United States" in 20 volumes.

Mrs. Howard T. Martin presented 396 volumes on the Civil War and the Indians from the library of Colonel Johnston de Peyster, her father.

Mrs. Frederic S. Lee gave 57 French books.

Miss M. Lederman donated 60 volumes of contemporary literature.

The Library of Congress presented the Records of the Virginia Company of London, four quarto volumes.

Miss Alice Delano Weekes presented eight art books and an oil painting by Arnold Corrodi, "Street preaching in Rome, 1867."

Mr. Edward P. Chrystie gave a crayon drawing of the interior of the Society Library Building, which he made in April 1934.

A complete list of donors is printed at the end of the report and for all these gifts, the Board of Trustees expresses its gratitude.

The circulation of books last year was 74,686 and during the year 10,763 books were mailed by parcel post. The number of bound volumes added was 2,448 and the total number of volumes in the Library may be stated as 143,000.

There were 1,040 Temporary Subscribers, 703 on a yearly basis, 169 for six months and 168 for four months periods.

The following new names have been added to our list of Shareholders:

Mr. A. C. M. Azoy	Miss Anna Herrick	Mr. Francis Smyth
Mr. Henry B. Binsse	Mr. Hamilton F. Kean	Miss M. C. Stevens
Mrs. H. H. Curran	Miss Carola de P. Kip	Mrs. Prentice Strong
Mrs. Howland S. Davis	Mrs. O. H. P. La Farge	Miss Grace A. Taylor
Mrs. Wendell Davis	Mr. C. S. McCulloh	Mrs. James Todd
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Mrs. C. S. Denny	Mrs. A. T. Post	Mrs. Lucius Wilmerding
Mrs. B. Gattell	Mrs. J. McK. Rose	Miss Ethel Zabriskie

For the Trustees,

LEWIS SPENCER MORRIS,  
*Chairman.*

April 28, 1936

## 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:

THAT

They have employed W. S. Salway, Certified Public Accountant, to examine the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ended March 31, 1936.

E. C. DELAFIELD  
BERTRAM CRUGER  
F. ASHTON de PEYSTER

*Auditing Committee.*

New York, N. Y.  
April 15, 1936

The securities were examined, and on April 9th, 1936 were as set forth on the succeeding pages.

E. C. DELAFIELD  
BERTRAM CRUGER  
F. ASHTON de PEYSTER

*Auditing Committee.*

A comparison of the assets owned is given below: (excluding books)

	March 31, 1936	March 31, 1935	March 31, 1934
GENERAL FUND .....	\$ 403,508.85	\$ 402,324.59	\$ 403,251.28
GREEN FUND .....	50,741.50	50,670.53	51,150.24
GOODHUE FUND .....	884,225.16	861,277.05	825,514.82
	<u>\$1,338,475.51</u>	<u>\$1,314,272.17</u>	<u>\$1,279,916.34</u>

NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY

GENERAL FUND

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended  
March 31st, 1936

April 1st, 1935—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. ....	\$2,278.17	
Balance on Hand at Library .....	500.00	
		<u>\$2,778.17</u>

RECEIPTS

Interest on Mortgages—Per Securities Schedule .....	\$5,977.50	
Interest on Bonds—Per Securities Schedule .....	5,130.00	
		<u>\$11,107.50</u>
Dividends .....	750.00	
Fines .....	18.62	
Postage .....	625.11	
Books sold .....	812.44	
Telephone .....	11.90	
Dues .....	388.00	
Temporary Subscriptions .....	8,714.00	
Transferred from Goodhue Fund—Per Resolution Board of Trustees .....	6,000.00	
Refund from Goodhue Fund re Building Survey by Dr. Craver .....	1,200.00	
Miscellaneous .....	4.88	
		<u>29,632.45</u>

Total Receipts .....

\$32,410.62

DISBURSEMENTS

Periodicals .....	\$69.95	
Printing .....	549.85	
Legal and Professional .....	298.13	
Repairs and Furnishings .....	527.86	
Salaries .....	13,379.36	
Coal and Wood .....	714.43	
Stationery .....	264.11	
Telephone .....	76.00	
Postage .....	937.97	
Books .....	3,010.78	
Gas and Electricity .....	570.37	
Insurance .....	1,276.61	
Water Tax .....	49.05	
Trustees' Commissions and Bookkeeping .....	695.00	
Temporary Subscriptions and Dues Refunded .....	25.00	
Delivery Expense .....	5,785.61	
Sundries .....	123.11	
Building Purchase Survey—Dr. H. W. Craver .....	600.00	
		<u>\$28,953.19</u>

Total Disbursements .....

March 31st, 1936—Balance on Deposit Fulton Trust Co. ....	\$2,957.43	
Balance on Hand at Library .....	500.00	
		<u>\$3,457.43</u>

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GREEN FUND—INCOME

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended  
March 31st, 1936

April 1st, 1935—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. ....	\$357.19
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RECEIPTS

Interest on Mortgages .....	2,466.25
	<u>\$2,823.44</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Books .....	\$979.10
Binding .....	525.13
Periodicals .....	142.35
Salaries .....	500.00
Insurance .....	227.94
Assistant Treasurer—Service and Safekeeping .....	15.50
Miscellaneous .....	5.26
	<u>\$2,395.28</u>

Total Disbursements .....

March 31st, 1936—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. ....	\$428.16
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GREEN FUND — PRINCIPAL

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended  
March 31st, 1936

April 1st, 1935—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. ....	\$1,313.34
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RECEIPTS

Principal of Mortgage—No. 2632 Eighth Avenue .....	250.00
	<u>250.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

None

March 31st, 1936—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. ....	\$1,563.34
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GOODHUE FUND

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended  
March 31st, 1936

April 1st, 1935—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. .... \$43,471.16

RECEIPTS

Interest on Mortgages—Per Securities Schedule ..... \$23,573.86  
Interest on Mortgages—Cential Hanover Bank ..... 407.28  
Interest on Mortgages—Per Securities Schedule ..... 4,209.75

Dividends—Per Securities Schedule ..... \$28,190.89  
*Redemption of Securities*

\$10,000 Norfolk & Western R. R. Co. 4/1944 ..... 10,500.00  
Reimbursement of Taxes Paid—No. 1701 Madison Ave. .... 324.30

*On Account of Sale of Real Estate*  
No. 426-30 East 115th Street ..... 1,000.00

*Real Estate Operations—Per Schedule*  
Net Rents ..... \$806.36

Refunds—Taxes, Insurance, etc. .... 390.25

Refund of Advance re Foreclosure of 2737 Barnes Ave. .... 1,196.61  
*From Receiver on Foreclosed Property*

No. 426-30 East 115th Street ..... 199.00  
No. 426-30 East 115th Street ..... 1,156.60

Total Receipts ..... 43,365.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Storage ..... \$840.00  
Assistant Treasurer—Service and Safekeeping ..... 196.15

Transferred to General Fund—Per Resolution of Board  
of Trustees ..... 6,000.00

Building Survey—Dr. Craver (Reimbursed to General  
Fund) ..... 1,200.00

Insurance ..... 2.73

*On Account Sales of Real Estate*  
426-30 East 115th St.—Commission ..... 687.50

*Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgages*  
426-30 East 115th St. .... \$5,175.65

579 East 168th St. .... 1,132.85  
457 St. Paul's Place—On Account ..... 225.75 6,534.24

*Advance of Foreclosure Expenses Refunded*  
2737 Barnes Ave.—See Receipts ..... 200.00

*Real Estate Capital Expenditures*  
264 West 115th St. .... 4,719.00

*Real Estate Operating Expenses—Per Schedule*

Taxes and Water ..... \$1,743.64  
Insurance ..... 817.85

Excess Agents' Expenses ..... 527.85  
Miscellaneous ..... 16.41 3,105.75

*For Account of Mortgagors*  
801 Seventh Ave. .... \$47.60

1701 Madison Ave. (Refunded—See Re-  
ceipts) ..... 324.30 371.90

Miscellaneous ..... 1.34

Total Disbursements ..... 23,858.61

March 31st, 1936—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. .... \$62,977.95

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PERMANENT FUND — CAPITAL

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended

March 31st, 1936

April 1st, 1935—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. .... \$4,267.67

RECEIPTS

Certificates of Membership ..... \$675.00  
Commutation of Dues ..... 150.00

*Redemption of Securities*  
\$10,000 Pacific Gas & Electric 1st and Refunding  
"C", 5½%/1952 ..... 10,500.00

Total Receipts ..... \$11,325.00

15,592.67

DISBURSEMENTS

None

March 31st, 1936—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. .... \$15,592.67

ACCESSIONS

to the

"JOHN C. GREEN" ALCOVES

- American Art Annual for 1935.  
 Baker, Walter S. American engravers.  
 Barthou, L. Bibliotheque pt. 2.  
 Burlington Magazine, 1934, 1935.  
 Connoisseur Magazine 1934.  
 Eby, Kerr. Etchings.  
 Hamburg-Amerika Line. Mittelmeer-fahrten.  
 House Beautiful 1933, 1934, 1935.  
 Martin, Lewis. Etchings.  
 Metropolitan Museum of Art. Bulletins, 1932-1934.  
 Overbeck, Friedrich. Holy Gospels.  
 Pencil Points 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935.  
 Perkins, A. T. John Singleton Copley.  
 Pierpont Morgan Library. Christmas festival.  
 "The Quiet Life."  
 Robinson, Frank T. Living New England artists.  
 Sparrow, W. S. British etching.  
 Uzanne, Octave. The fan.  
 Vanity Fair 1931—February 1936.  
 Vogue Magazine 1928-1934.  
 Williams, Mary E. Hours of Raphael in outline.  
 Year's Art, 1934, 1935.

LIST OF DONORS

for the year ending March 31st, 1936

	Vols.	Pams.		Vols.	Pams.
Achelis, Miss Elizabeth	4		Gilder, Rodman	3	
Akerley, Miss Lucy	3		Greenough, Mrs. William	1	
Amer. Artist Group	1		Green-Wood Cemetery	1	
Amer. Can Co.	3		Guggenheim Mem. Foundation	1	
Amer. Chemical Industries	4		Gulf Refining Co.	1	
Amer. Liberty League	83		Hays, Will	1	
Amer. Scenic & Hist. Pres. Soc.	1		Heinigke, Otto	2	
Amer. Soc. for Control of Cancer	12		Henry E. Huntington Library	1	
Amherst College	1		Hobart College	1	
Armstrong, S. T.	2		Horton, Mrs. J. B.	2	
Assoc. for Study of Negro	5		Howard Mem. Library	1	
Assoc. of Grand Jurors	3		Hudson River Day Line	5	
Aymar, Mrs. W. H.	1		Hunt, Clinton	1	
Bartol, Mrs. H. G.	20		Huntington Press	1	
Bigelow, F. B.	208		International Conciliation	9	
Bigelow, Miss J. E.	88		Japan Society	1	2
Bigelow, Miss L. M.	25		Jobes, Walter	6	maps
Binsse, Henry	1		Jones, Mrs. Cadwalader	214	28
Boston Athenaeum	3		King, Mrs. F. G.	3	62
Brown, Miss U. D.	8		Knopf, Dr. S. A.	2	
Budapest (Hungary)	5		LaFollette, Miss F.	5	
Burroughs Wellcome Co.	1		Lawson, Miss Edith	2	1
Cambridge (Eng.) Univ. Library	2		Lederman, Miss M.	59	
Carnegie End. for Int. Peace	13	1	Lee, Mrs. F. S.	57	
Chemical Foundation	1	2	Library Co. of Phila.	2	
Chicago. Recreation Com.	1		Los Angeles Public Library	1	
Chicago. Tuberculosis Sanitarium	14		McGill, T. O.	1	
Chrystie, E. P.	drawing		Macmillan Co.	2	
Citizens Budget Com.	8		Manning, Rev. W. T.	2	
Citizens' Family Welfare	1		Martin, Mrs. H. T.	396	
Cleveland (O.) Public Library	1		Martin, Miss M. J.	155	
College of St. Catherine	1		Martin, Mrs. Walton	4	
Columbia University	47		Mason, Mrs. T. A.	58	
Connecticut. Geological Survey	2		Mass. Education Dep't	3	
Copeland, R. S.	1		Mead, Mrs. R. G.	2	
Crofts, Mrs. F. S.	6		Milbank Memorial Fund	4	
Cummins, T. K.	31		Millet, Mrs. S.	3	
Dennison Co.	1		Minneapolis Honeywell Co.	1	
de Peyster, Miss A. M.	22	59	Moore, Mrs. E. C.	24	
Dodecanesian League	1		Murphy, Miss Frances	3	
Drisler, Miss Mary	5	77	New Jersey Public Service Co.	2	
Du Pont, P. S.	1	1	N. Y. (city) Assoc. of the Bar	1	
Eaton, E. R.	1		N. Y. (city) Authors Club	1	
Falk Foundation	4		N. Y. (city) Century Assoc.	1	
Federal Reserve Bank	2		N. Y. (city) Collegiate Ref. Church	1	
Ferry Morse Seed Co.	1		N. Y. (city) Greenwich House	1	
Fletcher Free Library (Vt.)	1		N. Y. (city) Grolier Club	1	
Ford, Henry	1		N. Y. (city) Guaranty Trust Co.	1	
Fort Wayne & Allen Co. Library	1		N. Y. (city) London Terrace	6	
Fowler, W. F.	1		N. Y. (city) Mercantile Library	1	
Gattell, Mrs. B.	1		N. Y. (city) Met. Museum of Art.	1	
Gen. Theological Seminary	1		N. Y. (city) Museum of Nat. His.	12	

	Vols.	Pams.
N. Y. (city) Museum of the City..	2	
N. Y. (city) N. E. Society .....	1	
N. Y. (city) Northern Dispensary ..	2	
N. Y. (city) St. Bartholomew's Ch.	1	
N. Y. (city) Trinity Church .....	1	
N. Y. (city) Union Club .....	1	
N. Y. (city) University Club .....	1	1
N. Y. (state) Col. of Agriculture..	43	
N. Y. (state) Comptroller .....	1	
N. Y. (state) Industrial Com. ....	1	
N. Y. (state) Labor Dep't .....	3	
N. Y. (state) Library .....	27	
N. Y. (state) Social Welfare .....	1	
N. Y. (state) University .....	3	
N. Y. Bible Society .....	1	
N. Y. Edison Co. ....	12	
N. Y. Historical Society .....	5	
N. Y. Hospital .....	1	
N. Y. Public Library .....	12	
N. Y. Stock Exchange .....	1	
N. Y. Trust Co. ....	16	
Nichols, Mrs. G. P. ....	1	
Ohashi (Japan) Library .....	1	
Order of Colonial Lords of Manors .....	2	
Osaka (Japan) Library .....	1	
Pennington, Rev. E. L. ....	3	
Pierpont Morgan Library .....	1	
Pierre, C. G. ....	1	
Pollock, M. ....	1	4
Pope, J. P. ....	1	
Portland (Ore.) Library .....	1	
Pound, Arthur .....	1	
Pratt Inst. (Brooklyn) .....	6	
Providence Athenaeum .....	5	
Providence Public Library .....	9	
Puerto Rico Agricult. Dep't .....	2	
Pulsifer, H. T. ....	3	
Radio Inst. of America .....	10	

	Vols.	Pams.
Read, Mrs. Oscar .....	1	
Redwood Library (R. I.) .....	1	
Reed, A. Z. ....	1	
Republican Nat'l Com. ....	1	
Rood, R. D. ....	1	
Ruskell, Miss Helen .....	1	
St. Louis Mercantile Library .....	1	
St. Louis Public Library .....	1	
Sistare, Miss E. ....	2	
Smithsonian Institution .....	41	
Sobeloff, Isidore .....	1	
Sons of the Revolution, N. Y. ....	1	
Springfield (Mass.) City Library ..	1	
Stechert, G. E. & Co. ....	1	
Stuell, Willis .....	1	
Style Park (Phila.) .....	1	
Swift & Co. ....	1	
Tenrikyo (Japan) .....	1	
Toledo (O.) Public Library .....	1	
U. S. Army .....	2	
U. S. Census .....	4	
U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey ..	1	
U. S. F.E.R.A. ....	30	
U. S. F.S.R.C. ....	1	
U. S. Labor Dep't .....	19	
U. S. Library of Congress .....	3	
U. S. W.P.A. ....	1	
University of Cincinnati .....	1	
University of Michigan .....	1	
University of North Carolina .....	2	
Wagner, R. F. ....	2	
Washington (D.C.) Public Library ..	2	
Weekes, Miss A. D. .... painting	8	
Western Reserve Univ. ....	1	
Westinghouse Lamp Co. ....	1	
Wickware, Francis .....	2	
Wilkie, W. L. ....	1	
Yale University .....	1	

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