New York Society Library
109 University Place

183 Years Old

Annual Report

1937
NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY
109 University Place
1856-1937
BENEFACTORS
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 $641,552.02

* 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.
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,

LEWIS SPENCER MORRIS,

Chairman.

April 27, 1937
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, 1937.

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

New York, N. Y.
April 20, 1937

The securities were examined, and on April 20, 1937 were as set forth
on the succeeding pages.

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

NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY
GENERAL FUND
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended
March 31st, 1937

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>April 1st, 1936—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co.</td>
<td>$2,957.43</td>
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<td>Balance on Hand at Library</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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**RECEIPTS**

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<td>Interest on Mortgages—Per Securities Schedule</td>
<td>$6,077.50</td>
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<td>Interest on Bonds—Per Securities Schedule</td>
<td>$4,730.00</td>
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<td>Dividends</td>
<td>$10,807.50</td>
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<td>Fines</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
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<td>Books sold</td>
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<td>Temporary Subscriptions</td>
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<td>Transferred from Goodhue Fund—Per Resolution Board of Trustees</td>
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<td>Insurance Refund</td>
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**DISBURSEMENTS**

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<td>Printing</td>
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<td>Legal and Professional</td>
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<td>Repairs and Furnishings</td>
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<td>Coal and Wood</td>
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<td>Stationery</td>
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<td>Books</td>
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<td><strong>Total Disbursements</strong></td>
<td><strong>$30,191.28</strong></td>
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March 31st, 1937—Balance on Deposit Fulton Trust Co. | $743.21
Balance on Hand at Library                             | $793.21
Statement of Receipts for the Year Ended March 31st, 1937

April 1st, 1936—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. .......................... $62,977.95

RECEIPTS

Interest on Mortgages—Per schedule I.............................................. $22,846.62
Interest on Mortgages—Per schedule I............................................. 256.81
Interest on Bonds —Per schedule I .................................................. 2,757.03

Dividends—Per schedule I .............................................................. 25,860.46
Sale or Redemption of Securities
   Per schedule V—cost $130,490.00
   loss .............................................. 7,060.95 123,429.05

On Account Mortgage Principal

301-27 East 68th Street ................................................................. 237.91
530 West 123rd Street ................................................................. 10,000.00
64-72 Washington Place ............................................................... 200.00 10,437.91

Excess insurance on fire loss at No. 457 St. Paul's Place ... 45.00
Sale of mantels—53 East 79th Street ............................................. 225.00
Telephone ................................................................................. 2.65

Per Schedule VI

Rents received from Real Estate Owned

Gross .................................................. 7,240.90
Agents expenses .................................................. 5,394.15
Net rent from agents .............................................. 1,846.75
Add reimbursements of excess expenses .................................. 136.94

Less expenses of previous year liquidated .............. 115,86

Net cash received—per cash book ........................................ 1,867.83 162,665.90

$225,643.85

Statement of Disbursements for the Year Ended March 31st, 1937

DISBURSEMENTS

Storage .................................................. $821.18
Labor and cartage from Storage Warehouse ........................ 147.51
Assistant treasurer—service and safekeeping .................... 293.00
Librarian's traveling expenses ........................................... 27.40
Transferred to General Fund—per resolution Trustees ....... 6,000.00
Purchase of securities

$5,000—U. S. Treasury 2 1/4% ........................................ 183.73
Insurance—Mortgaged property—No. 594 Tenth Avenue ....... 50.40

Re 53 East 79th Street

On account of purchasing of building ................................ 70,000.00
Construction cost .................................................. 95,013.97
Fixtures .................................................. 350.00

General expenses during alterations

Caretaker's expenses .................................................. 648.49
Real estate taxes .................................................. 4,687.50
Interest on mortgage ................................................ 3,937.50
Insurance .................................................. 713.16
Water .................................................. 43.36
Boiler inspection .................................................. 75.00
Title examination and closing .................................. 537.29 10,642.30 176,006.27

Total Disbursements ........................................... $194,283.44

March 31st, 1937—Balance on deposit—Fulton Trust Co. ............ $31,360.41
### GREEN FUND—INCOME

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended March 31st, 1937

| April 1st, 1936—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. | $428.16 |
| **RECEIPTS** | |
| Interest on Mortgages | $2,669.58 |
| **DISBURSEMENTS** | $3,087.74 |
| Books | $349.21 |
| Binding | $379.80 |
| Periodicals | $296.34 |
| Salaries | $416.68 |
| Insurance | $214.78 |
| Assistant Treasurer—Service and Safekeeping | $19.00 |
| Miscellaneous | $5.00 |
| **Total Disbursements** | $1,671.81 |
| March 31st, 1937—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. | $1,425.93 |

### GREEN FUND—PRINCIPAL

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended March 31st, 1937

| April 1st, 1936—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. | $1,563.34 |
| **RECEIPTS** | |
| Principal of Mortgage—No. 64-72 Washington Place | $200.00 |
| **DISBURSEMENTS** | None |
| March 31st, 1937—Balance on Deposit—Fulton Trust Co. | $1,763.34 |
ACCESSIONS
to the
“JOHN C. GREEN” ALCOVES

Ackerman, Phyllis. Wallpaper.
Cotterell, H. H. Pewter down the ages.
Eberlein, H. D. Villas of Florence and Tuscany.
Haupt, Ira. Furniture.
Lemberger, Ernest. Portrait miniatures of five centuries.
McClellan, Elizabeth. Historic dress in America 1607-1870.
Oswald, J. C. Benjamin Franklin in oil and bronze.
Pennell, Joseph. Etchers and etching.
Reynolds, H. W. Dutchess County doorways 1730-1830.
Schmidt, Robert. Porcelain.
Stedman, J. G. Narrative of five years expedition against the negroes of Surinam in Guiana.
Swan, Abraham. Interior decoration in the 18th century.
Tabbagh, Emile. Miniatures, rugs, ceramics... catalogue.
Van Dieren, Bernard. Epstein.

PERIODICALS

American Magazine of Art
Antiques
Art Digest
Art Index
Burlington Magazine
Connoisseur
Country Life

House & Garden
House Beautiful
Illustrated London News
L’Illustration
Pencil Points
Town & Country
Bulletin of Metropolitan Museum

LIST OF DONORS
for the year ending March 31, 1937

Achelis, Miss Elizabeth
Akerly, Miss Lucy
American Jewish Comm.
American Liberty League
American Scenic Soc.
Amer. Soc. Control Cancer
Amherst College
Atlantic Monthly
Belknap, R. R.
Bigelow, F. B.
Bigelow, Miss J. E.
Bigelow, Miss L. M.
Binse, Henry
Bishop, Louis F. (Dr.)
Boston Athenaeum
Boston University
Brooklyn Institute Arts
Bruncke, W. H.
Burlingham, C. C.
Carnegie End. International Peace
Carnegie Hero Fund
Chemical Foundation
Century Association
Citizens Budget Comm.
Cleveland P. L.
Columbia University
Connecticut Geological Survey
Council Foreign Relations
Crofts, Mrs. F. S.
Cummins, T. J.
Dayton, P. L.
Dean, Miss S. M.
de Peyster, Miss Augusta
Dominican Republic
Drisler, Miss Mary
Duquesne University
Eaton, E. R.
Ellis, Miss Edith
Federal Reserve Bank
Firestone, H. S.

Foley, Miss L. L.
Foote, Mrs. E. R.
Forbes Library
Ford, Henry
Freelander, Ronald
Gallatin, A. E.
Garvin, F. P.
Gatell, Mrs. B.
Greenough, Mrs. W.
Grolier Club
Hall, Miss Anjinette
Heinigke, O.
Herwood, H.
Hobart College
Holmes, J. H.
Holt, Miss Sylvia
International Conciliation
James, Henry
Japan Society
Jefferson Memorial
Johnson, Miss G. M.
Johnston, Mrs. Newlands
King, Mrs. F. G.
Library Co. of Philadelphia
Little, Mrs. Elliott
London Terrace
Los Angeles P. L.
Mali, J. T. J.
Manning, Rev. W. T.
Martin, Miss M. J.
Martin, Mrs. Walton
Mason, Mrs. Thomas
Maynard, Mrs. Lorraine
Mellen, Mrs. Chase
Middlebrook, Samuel
Middleton, George
Milbank Memorial Fund
Millett, Mrs. S. C., Jr.
Morrison, S. E.
Morristown Club
New England Society of N. Y.