



REPORT

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

OF THE

GENERAL SOCIETY

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OF

Mechanics and Tradesmen

OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

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General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen

OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,

FOR THE YEAR 1865.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, in accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws, respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the Society, with estimates of the probable receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year, together with a statement of the assets of the Society on the first day of January, 1866:

Received from all sources during 1865,	
As follows:	
Rent of Park Place House, \$11,250	00
" " No. 12 Chambers-street, 2,000	00
" " Lecture-Room, per	
Messrs. Bryant, 8,670	00
Dividend Mechanics' Bk. Stock, 3,041	25
Initiation Fees, 38 members, 1,140	00
Interest on United States Bonds,	
Treasury Note, &c., 1,770	00
Premium on Gold, 759	62
Thirteen Certificates of Member-	
ship, 13	00
Cash received on account of Dis-	
count,	66

Amounts carried forward,..... \$28,644 53 \$30,812 44

Amounts brought forv	ward,		\$28,644	53	\$30,812	44
De Milt Library, proportion of	\$319	60				
r		27				
De Milt Library, for Books,	10	21				
Pay Readers:						
Proportion of App. Library,\$410 00						
Proportion of De						
Milt Library, 140 00						
Milit Library, 140 00	550	00				
Catalogues sold,	206					
Fines collected,	930					
For Books lost,	101					
Old Newspapers, &c., sold,		02				
Old Newspapers, &c., sold,	00	- 02	\$2,167	91		
				_	\$30,812	44
There has been expended duri	ino t	he	vear 18	65.		
on all accounts, as follows:	ing v	110	Jour 10	,		
	500	00				
Two Notes to Mechanics' Bank, \$2						
Ground Rent, No. 12 Chambers-st.,	125					
Taxes and Water Rates,	765					
Salaries, Treasurer, Sec. and Clerk,	900					
Stamps,		37				
For receiving Vol. Engineer Regt.,	525	10	\$4,817	57		
Sundry Gas Bills, 1	1,603	12	Ψ1,011	0.		
Janitor's Salary,	500					
Printing, Statio'ery and Advert'ing,	337	10				
Sundry Repairs,	184	76				
Doorkeeper's Salary,	48	00				
Directing and Deliv'g Notices, &c.,	153	72				
Coal and Wood,	253	25				
Insurance,	386	35				
Law Expenses and Stamps,	117	50				
Case and Frame for Flags, and						
Shed in Yard,	655	67				
Petty Expenses, 1865,	44	64				
" " 1864,	36	48				
		-	4,320	59		
Amounts carried forward,			\$9,138	16	\$30,812	44

Amounts brought forward, \$9,138 16 \$30,812 4	1
Amounts brought forward, \$9,138 16 \$30,812 4 Paid Pensioners,\$5,168 00	*
" Expenses,	
——— 5,193 00	
Paid Teachers' Salaries, (by School	
Committee,) 686 00	
" Superintendent's and Jani-	
tor's Salaries, 201 50	
" Stationery, Printing, &c., 183 00	
" Repairs, Supplies, &c., 118 45	
" M. J. Doolittle, for Cle'ng, &c., 20 00	
1,208 95	
Paid for Books, (by Library Com.,) 3,736 02	
" Magazines, Reviews and	
Newspapers, 206 42	
" Re-binding old Books, 355 50	
" New Catalogue, 2,828 39	
" Stationery and Printing,	
(2 years,) 949 66	
" Advertising, 33 50	
" Salaries, 2,186 09	
" Insurance, 216 00	
" Coal and Wood, 229 23	
" Cleaning and Incidental	
Expenses, 494 98	
" Repairs, &c.,	
De Milt Lib., for Books and Mag's., 21 27	
" " for Insurance 67 52	
" " for proportion of Exp., 319 69	
408 48	
Literary and Scientific Committee,	
paid for Lectures, 950 00	
" Rent, 335 00	
" Sun. Expenses, 215 25	
1,500 25	
\$28,820 70)
Receipts,\$30,812 44	
Expenditures,	
Receipts over Expenditures, \$1,991 74	

Resources on hand, Januar	у 1sт.	186	5.
Cash in hands of Treasurer,			
" " Finance Committee,	571		
" " Pension "	319		
" School "	110		
" " Literary and Scientific Com.,			
Loss balance des Tiles Co. 111	\$3,191	62	
Less balance due Library Committee,			
Apprentices' Library 50 62			
" De Milt Library, 50 62	84	23	
	01		
	\$3,107	39	
Receipts over Expenditures,	1,991	74	
Accounted for as follows:			\$5,099 13
	&F F00	-0	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,			
" Finance Committee, " Pension "	200 201		
" " School "	401		
" " Literary and Scientific Com.,	165		
Enterary and Scientific Com.,	100		
	\$6,495	79	
Less balance due Library Committee,			
Apprentices' Library, \$1,377 56			
" De Milt Library, 19 10	1,396	66	
	1,000		\$5,099 13
Estimate of the probable Receipts an	nd Exp	pen	ditures for
the year 1866.			
ESTIMATE OF RECE			
Rent of Park Place House,			
" No. 12 Chambers-street,			
" " Lecture Room, 472 Broadway,	8,500		
Dividend Mechanics' Bank Stock,	2,500		
Interest on United States Bond, \$5,000,	300		
φο, σου,	480		
" " Treasury Note, \$5,000, " " Temporary Loan, \$9,000,	365 540		
Initiation Fees, say 15 members,	450		
initiation rees, say to members,	450		\$27,635 00
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ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES.

Finance Committee,	\$4,000	00		
Committee on Pensions,	4,000			
Library Committee, including interest on				
Permanent Fund,	8,000	00		
Library Committee, to pay bills for refitting				
Reading Room,	1,154	14		
De Milt Library, interest,	300	00		
School Committee,	1,500	00		
Literary and Scientific Committee,	1,000	00		
Taxes and Croton Water Rent,	700	00		
Ground Rent, No. 12 Chambers-street,	125	00		
Treasurer, Secretary and Book-keeper's Sala-				
ries,	900	00		
			\$21,679	14
			Au	
Leaving a balance of			\$5,955	86

ASSETS.

Real Estate, Park Place House, \$150,000	00
" Crosby-street and Broadway, 100,000	
811 shares Mechanics' Bank Stock, par	
value, 20,275	00
United States Bond, par value, 5,000	00
" " … 8,000	00
" Treasury Note, par value, 5,000	00
Temporary Loan to U.S. Government, 9,000	00
Furniture, 1,000	00
Books, Apprentices' Library, 30,000	00
Leasehold, No. 12 Chambers-street, 4,500	00
Cash in hands of Treasurer, 5,526	56
" Finance Committee, 200	74
" " Pension " 201	. 40
" " School " 401	. 49
" Literary and Scientific	
Committee, 168	5 60
	\$339,270 79

LIABILITIES.

Amount due Library Fund,	\$1,907	66
" " De Milt Library,	5,000	
" " interest on do.,	300	00
For improvement of De Milt Library,	300	00
Balance due Library Committee,		
Apprentices' Library, \$1,377 56		
Balance due De Milt Library, 19 10		
	1,396	66
		- \$8,904 32
	*	
Assets over Liabilities,		\$330,366 47

All which is respectfully submitted.

James Van Norden, Chairman.
Wade B. Worrall, Secretary.
John T. B. Maxwell,
James Phyfe,
Matthias Bloodgood,
George R. Jackson,
R. E. Mount, Treasurer of Soc.

New-York, February 7, 1866.

APPENDIX.

ABSTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TREASURER AND THE SEVERAL STANDING COMMITTEES, JANUARY 1, 1866.

From Annual Report of the Treasurer.

Rent of Park Place House,\$11,	,250 00
" No. 12 Chambers-street, 2,	,000 00
" Lecture Room, from Messrs. Bryant, 8,	,670 00
	,041 25
	,140 00
Thirteen Certificates,	13 00
	,770 00
	759 62
Received on account of Discount, \$0 66	
Balance from last year, 1,524 60	
	,525 26
	,500 00
" Committee on Pensions, 5,	
Committee on Tensions,	,075 00
	125 00
" Ground Rent, No. 12 Chambers-street,	
" Ground Rent, No. 12 Chambers-street, " Finance Committee,	125 00
" Ground Rent, No. 12 Chambers street, " Finance Committee,	125 00 ,950 00
" Ground Rent, No. 12 Chambers-street, " Finance Committee,	125 00 ,950 00 ,000 00
"Ground Rent, No. 12 Chambers-street, "Finance Committee,	125 00 ,950 00 ,000 00 300 00
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"Ground Rent, No. 12 Chambers-street, "Finance Committee,	125 00 ,950 00 ,000 00 300 00 ,000 00 ,500 00 765 50
"Ground Rent, No. 12 Chambers-street, "Finance Committee, 3, "Library 8, "Interest, De Milt Fund, 1, "School 1, "Taxes and Water Rent, Salaries, Treasurer and Secretary, "Engineer Regiment, 12	125 00 ,950 00 ,000 00 300 00 ,000 00 ,500 00 765 50 900 00
"Ground Rent, No. 12 Chambers-street, "Finance Committee, 3, "Library 8, "Interest, De Milt Fund, 1, "School 1, "Taxes and Water Rent, Salaries, Treasurer and Secretary, "Engineer Regiment, "for Stamps,	125 00 ,950 00 ,000 00 300 00 ,000 00 ,500 00 765 50 900 00 525 70 1 37
"Ground Rent, No. 12 Chambers-street, "Finance Committee, 3, "Library 8, "Interest, De Milt Fund, 1, "Literary Committee, 1, "School 1, "Taxes and Water Rent, Salaries, Treasurer and Secretary, "Engineer Regiment, 6or Stamps,	125 00 ,950 00 ,000 00 300 00 ,000 00 ,500 00 765 50 900 00 525 70

From Annual Report of the Finance Committee.

The Committee received from Brother H. A. Hurlbut,		
late Chairman,	\$571	33
And from the Treasurer of the Society,	3,950	00
	\$4,521	33
The disbursements by the Committee have been-		
For Fuel, \$253 25		
" Gas Light, 1,603 12		
" Printing and Stationery, 276 00		
" Law Expenses and Government Stamps,. 117 50		
" Repairs of Buildings, 184 76		
" Notices and Serving, 153 72		
" Advertising Meetings, 61 10		
" Case and Frames for Flags, and building		
Shed in yard, 655 67		
" Insurance, 386 35		
" Janitor's Salary, 500 00		
" Doorkeeper, 48 00		
" Petty Expenses, 1865, 44 64		
" " " 1864, 36 48		
" Balance in hands of Committee, 200 74		
	\$4,521	33
From Annual Report of the Committee on P	ensions	S.
Cash on hand, January 1, 1865,		
from 1c. E. Mount, Treasurer, 5,075 00	\$5,394	40
	40,001	
Cash paid 91 Pensioners, &c., \$5,193 00		
" on hand, January 1, 1866, 201 40	A = 00.1	
	\$5,394	40
From Annual Report of the School Comm	ittee.	
Cash on hand, January 1, 1865, \$110 44		
" from R. E. Mount, Treasurer, 1,500 00		
NO. 6268	- 10015	
Amount carried forward,	\$1,610	44

		Amount	brought forward,			\$1,610	44
Cash			of Architectural Class,	\$195			
66	66	"	Machine Drawing,	164	00		
"	"		Free-hand,	147	00		
. 66	66	**	Naval Architecture,	132	00		
6.	"	66	Mathematical,	48	00		
	"	Superin	itendent,	162	50		
"	"			39	00		
46	"	Printin	g, Stationery, &c.,	183	00		
"	"	Repairs	s, Supplies, &c.,	118	45		
"	"	Cleanin	g and Incidental Expenses,.	20	00		
Cash	on h	and, Jan	uary 1, 1866,	401	49		
						\$1,610	44

The Committee represent the School to be in a very prosperous condition; that more pupils offer themselves than the rooms can accommodate, and that their progress has been very gratifying. Several drawings were exhibited at the meeting of the Society, which evince unusual talent.

They give great credit to the Superintendent and Teachers, and describe their methods of teaching with decided approbation.

From Annual Report of the Literary and Scientific Committee,

Cash on ha	nd, January 1, 1865,	\$665	85		
" from	R. E. Mount, Treasurer,	1,000	00		
		-		\$1,665	85
Cash paid	Rev. R. S. Storrs for Lecture,	\$75	00		
"	J. R. Gilmour, Esq., "	75	00		
"	Rev. M. Simpson, "	75	00		
46	Rev. A. Willits, for two Lectures,	175	00		
"	Rev. F. C. Ewer, " "	150	00		
"	S. M. Hewlett, Esq., for Lecture,	100	00		
"	Rev. James Prestly, "	100	00		
"	Rev. J. C. Dutcher, "	100	00		
"	Rev. Wm. W. Hicks, "	100	00		
"	Printing, Stationery and sundry Ex-				
	penses,	215	25		
"	Rent,	335	00		
Cash on ha	nd, January 1, 1866,	165	60		
				\$1.665	85

The Committee report that the following were the Lectures delivered:

Jan. 6,	1865.	On the Life and Career of (Professor) General O. M.
		Mitchell, by Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D.
" 13,	"	Jeff. Davis at Home during the Siege of Richmond,
		by J. R. GILMOUR, Esq.
" 20,	"	The Past and Future of our Country,
		by Rev. Bishop M. Simpson.
" 27,	"	The Whites of the South,
		(Voluntary,) by J. R. GILMOUR, Esq.
Feb. 2,	"	Domestic Happiness,by Rev. A. A. Willits.
" 9,	"	A Drop of Water, by Rev. F. C. EWER.
Nov. 9,	-66	One Great Yankee Nation,by S. M. HEWLETT, Esq.
16,	"	Reminiscences of Mount Sinai,
		by Rev. James Prestly, D. D.
" 21,	66	Little Things,by Rev. J. C. DUTCHER.
Dec. 7,	"	British Rule in India, by Rev. Wm. W. Hicks.
" 14,	"	Yeosmitte Valley, by Rev. F. C. Ewer.
" 21,	46	The Ocean and her Children, by Rev. A. A. WILLITS.

Your Committee cannot close this report without expressing their deep grief on account of the death, in the past year, of their respected Chairman and associate, George H. Franklin, whom we had learned to love, because of his impartial respect of all his associates, and his readiness to take upon himself the full share of all its labors.

From Annual Report of the Library Committee.

APPRENTICES' LIBRARY.

Balar	ice (due Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1865,	\$33	61
Cash	pai	d for New Books,	. 3,736	02
"	66	for Re-binding Old Books,	355	50
4.	66	for New Catalogue,	2,828	39
"	46	for Salaries,	2,186	09
"	"	for Magazines and Reviews,	123	62
"	"	for Newspapers,	82	80
		Amount carried forward,	\$9,346	03

Amount brought forward,	\$9,346	03
Cash paid for Stationery and Printing,	949	66
" " for Cleaning and Incidental Ex-		
penses,	494	98
" " for Coal and Wood,	229	23
" " for Advertising,	33	50
" " for Repairs and Fixtures,	136	07
" " for Insurance,	216	00
" " De Milt Library, for proportion of		
Pay Readers,	140	00
	-	\$11,545 47
Cash from R. E. Mount, Treasurer,	\$8,000	00
" De Milt Library, for proportion of		
Expenses,	319	69
" De Milt Library, for Books,	10	27
" " Pay Readers,	550	00
" Catalogues sold,	206	25
" " Fines collected,	930	43
" Books lost,	101	25
" " Old Newspapers,	50	02
Balance due Treasurer,	1,377	56
	_	\$11,545 47
DE MILT LIBRARY.		
To Balance due Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1865,	\$50	62
" Cash paid for Books and Magazines,	21	27
" for Insurance,	67	52
" Apprentices' Library, for propor-		
tion of Expenses,	319	69
	-	- \$459 10
By Cash from R. E. Mount, Treasurer,	\$300	00
" "Apprentices' Library, propor-		
tion of Pay Readers,	140	00
Balance due Treasurer,	19	10
	-	\$459 10

Librarian's Annual Report.

The number of volumes in the Apprentices' Library, as per last Annual Report, was	30,677
" lost,	
Odd volumes laid aside,	
	804
Total number of volumes in Apprentices' Library,	29,873
The number of volumes in the De Milt Library, as per last Annual Report, was	
The number added during the year was 72	3,827
	00 700
Total number of volumes in both Libraries,	33,700
Showing the following increase during the year: In the Apprentices' Library,	
" De Milt Library, 72	3,617
Losses made up,	732
	4,349
The books are of the following description:	
In the Apprentices' Library, 12mos., 20,580	
" " 8vos., 9,035	
" " 4tos,	
" " Newspapers,	29,873
In the De Milt Library, 12mos., 715	
" " 8vos., 2,584	
" 4tos., 449	
" " folios, 79	2 007
	3,827
Volumes,	33,700

Accounts were opened during the year as follows:

With	Apprentices and other gratuitous Male Readers,	3,663	
"	Female gratuitous Readers,	2,599	
"	Pay Readers,	829	
46	Members of the Society,	191	
			7 282

Being an increase of 1,221 over any previous year.

The number of volumes taken out during the year was-

By Apprentices, &c.,	68,099
" Females,	46,686
" Pay Readers,	17,947
" Members,	3,108

There were also 150 volumes handed out to be read in the Rooms.

The total number of volumes given out has been 25,965 more than in any previous year.

The following works have been presented to the Library during the past year:

BY THE UNITED STATES SANITARY COMMISSION:

Financial Report of the Treasurer of the Finance Committee of the Metropolitan Fair in aid of the United States Sanitary Commission, held April, 1864, 8vo., pamphlet.

By some Person unknown:

Report of the Trustees of Public Library of the City of Charlestown, November, 1864, 8vo., pamphlet.

By some Person unknown:

Report upon the contemplated Metropolitan Rail-Road of the City of New-York, by A. P. Robinson, January, 1865, 8vo., pamphlet.

By Brother Alexander Stewart:

The Sabbath Viewed in the Light of Reason, Revelation and History, &c., by Rev. James Gilfillan, 12mo. 2 copies.

By Brother Orison Blunt, Chairman of New-York County Committee on Volunteering:

Enrollment of County of New-York, folio.

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors from 1809 to 1847, 3 vols., 8vo.

By the Board of Supervisors:

Proceedings of Board of Supervisors, vol. 2, 8vo. Documents " 2 vols., 8vo.

BY MAJOR-GENERAL ROBERT PATTERSON, Philadelphia:

Narrative of the Campaign in the Valley of the Shenandoah in 1861, 8vo.

BY THE HON. FREDERICK A. CONKLING:

On the Production and Consumption of Cotton, 8vo., pamphlet. 2 copies.

BY THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY:

Twelfth Annual Report of the Children's Aid Society, 8vo, pamphlet. 6 copies.

BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington:

Papers relating to Foreign Affairs, accompanying the Message of the President, 2 vols., 8vo.

By the Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco:

Twelfth Annual Report of the President, Treasurer and Librarian of the Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco, 8vo., pamphlet.

BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW-YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY:

Annual Report of Trustees of the New-York Society Library, 8vo., pamphlet. 6 copies.

By the Board of Health of Philadelphia:

Report of the Board of Health of the City and Port of Philadelphia for 1864, 8vo., pamphlet.

By Matthew T. Brennan, Esq., Comptroller: Sixth Annual Report of the Comptroller, 8vo.

By John W. Montclair, Esq., (the Author:) Real and Ideal, 12mo.

By F. W. Seward, Assistant Secretary of State:

Papers relating to Foreign Affairs, parts 3 and 4, 2 vols., 8vo

The Committee remark, that "from the foregoing statement it will be seen that the operations of the Library, during the past year, have been attended with undiminished success. There has been a very large increase in the number of readers and of volumes read, over that of any previous year. In fact, the number of our readers has been quite as great as was conveniently within the scope of our means to supply with books."

They again, as in their report of last year, earnestly urge, "that if we desire to see the institution in a position to efficiently meet the demands upon it, it is of the first importance that very considerable additions of books should be made, annually, for the next few years."

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR 1866.

JOHN T. CONOVER, President.

WADE B. WORRALL, 1st Vice-President.

WILSON SMALL, 2d " "

RICHARD E. MOUNT, Treasurer.

WILLIAM VAN NORDEN, Secretary.

FREDERICK W. WILLIAMS, Collector.