

modifications were made to suit the Council and finally in 1903 the contracts for the new building were let and its erection proceeded with. Mayor White notified Mr. Carnegie how matters were going on and on September 18th, Mr. A. R. Franks president of the Home Trust Company of Hoboken, N. Y., informed His Worship that Mr. Carnegie had placed \$50,000 to the credit of the St. John Library which could be drawn \$5,000 at a time, on the architect's certificate that that amount of work had been performed. It was in this way that a home was finally secured for the Library.

The first published report of the Library Commissioners appears in the City Accounts of 1889 the year of Union. In this the Commissioners say, "They assumed charge of the institution on June 1st 1883, and the seventh year of its history is now completed. The whole period" they add, "has been marked by a steady and rapid progress, not only in the extension of the Library, but also—what is most gratifying to to them—in popular favor." The Commissioners acknowledged large benefactions that year from Messrs. Simeon Jones, Joseph Allison, R. Penniston Starr and Hon. James I. Fellows and an additional grant from the city. Further on in their report the Commissioners state that "at present the Library is only open three days in the week. On and after 1st of July, its doors will be open every day except Sundays and legal holidays. The two front rooms in their occupation will also be appropriated to those who desire to study works of reference and read the Magazines and Reviews, of which there is a most bountiful and varied supply." For some years, apparently from the foundation of the Library, the salary of the librarian had been provided by a