

all. Altogether, however, the tables in the stack furnish proper space for only nineteen readers, though they are frequently overcrowded.

No more space is at present accessible to the staff and students of the University for the purposes of study and research. Perhaps indeed the Periodical Room should have been mentioned above; but as it seems to be efficiently conducted, it may be dismissed with a word of commendation. There is, however, in the Library Building a great deal of space which has not yet been noticed. Much of this is of course occupied by the book-stack, which has long been too small, the result being that books are put away in all sorts of odd corners, no small number being huddled together in the Principal's stable.

X In the circumstances, it is astonishing to find that one of the rooms opening into the stack is mainly occupied by a collection of music, which would find a more appropriate home in the Conservatorium Building. This room might not only house a considerable number of books of more general interest but also accommodate ten or a dozen readers.

The Gest Chinese Library fills space which (we wish to remark, and our language is plain) would be much more profitably occupied by books in frequent demand or by the sixty readers whom it is capable of accommodating.

A considerable area is devoted to Museums. At the moment the gallery of the large reading-room is occupied by an exhibition of birds, stuffed or depicted.* This gallery might afford room for forty readers. There is also, at the south end of the building, a large and well-lighted room continuously used as a Museum. We have never seen more than half-a-dozen people in it at the same time, though on occasion it is probably more frequented. It would provide ample space for 50 or 60 students.

Adjacent to the main reading-room is a room which serves as the headquarters of the University Book Club. It may be entered only by members of

* In fairness it should be mentioned that, according to the public Press, there are also some pictures of dogs, fish, leopards, and panthers.