

2. Perhaps even more serious than our lack of men is our lack of material. The Department is in dire need of more money to buy books for the Historical Section of the Redpath Library, which, it should be remembered, is our laboratory. The funds allotted to us do not even enable us to buy the new books that we require, and we can thus do very little towards remedying existing deficiencies. There are, in particular, a number of large and expensive collections of original sources which we either lack altogether or possess only in part, although they are essential to the pursuit of really effective research in the subjects with which they are concerned. What I should like is a sum of ten thousand dollars, to be spent on filling up gaps in the Library's historical section. Once this were done, we should be properly equipped for advanced work, and if our annual Departmental Grant were doubled, we could keep pace with the output of new books and subscribe to all the periodicals we require.

While on this topic, I may add that we are gravely inconvenienced and hindered by the inadequacy of the accommodation which the Library provides for graduate students and the teaching staff. What makes the present arrangements particularly annoying is the allocation of spacious quarters to the Library staff and the so-called Library School, to say nothing of exhibitions designed for the amusement of the general public. Furthermore, considering the apparent lack of money for books, one views with misgiving the expenditure