

The need for more shelf space in the Library continues to be pressing. The Librarians have endeavoured to render it less obvious and less inconvenient to members by removing certain classes of books from the most crowded sections.

This removal has compelled certain alterations in the indexes. From year to year such removals and alterations will impose some extra labour on the Library staff, and subject members to some degree of delay and inconvenience. So far as they can the Librarians will endeavour to make the inconvenience to members as small as possible.

It is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when some definite plan, of the many hitherto proposed, will be adopted, for the purpose of increasing the shelf space in the Library.

In the meantime the Librarians respectfully repeat the remarks made in their last report as follows:

The Librarians desire to point out, however, that the congestion which has, for so many years, prevailed in the Library is by no means removed. It is only made less obvious to members. Many sections on the ground floor are still congested, and the galleries are generally in an over-crowded state.

The Librarians entertain the hope that in the course of the construction of the new buildings on the land recently procured by the Government, room, at least in some duly fitted basements, may be provided for the storage, in an accessible form of books not always in demand but which they are not disposed to destroy.

Among all the plans hitherto proposed, for the extension of the Library, the plan of 1904 is still considered by the Librarians as being the most satisfactory.

If this plan is not finally adopted, the suggestion made above as to space in the new buildings, would at least afford a large measure of relief from over-crowding.

The customary list of donations is attached hereto; also, the list of copyrights as usual.

The annual catalogue of accessions during the year has been sent early to the King's Printer, and will be ready for distribution at an earlier date than usual.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. D. DECELLES,  
*General Librarian.*

MARTIN T. GRIFFIN,  
*Parliamentary Librarian.*

Library of Parliament, December 15, 1913.

*(For the Appendix to this Report, See Sessional Papers No. 33.)*

On motion of Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Reid (Grenville).

Resolved, That when this House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at Three o'Clock, P.M.

And then The House, having continued to sit till five minutes before four of the Clock, P.M., adjourned till Monday next, at Three o'Clock, P.M.