

room of the Redpath Library is taken up by students revising notes or studying mere text-books, though their own homes are near at hand and offer quieter and more comfortable accommodation. It is for many reasons desirable that the student should be delivered from the belief that the University is a kind of asylum where one does things which no sane man would think of doing outside.

It must be admitted, then, that certain unwarranted demands are made on the Library's resources. Apart from these, however, we doubt whether those resources are being employed to the best advantage.

To a hasty observer the main reading-room might seem to afford space for about two hundred students. And it is physically quite possible for 180 to sit at the tables provided. If so many are present, however, each reader will barely have elbow-room and will find it extremely hard to take notes from a small book. He will not be able to consult a large reference volume unless he is ready to inflict discomfort on himself and his neighbours. We estimate that the main reading-room offers adequate accommodation for 120 students engaged in serious work, certainly not more. It is thus utterly incapable of meeting the legitimate demands made upon it by undergraduates in Arts alone.

Adjoining the Blackader Collection there is a room which is allotted to graduate students. Twenty-four can be squeezed in. They are provided with seats at tables, not desks, are furnished with but one small drawer apiece, and have no shelves where they might keep material in daily use. We understand that the Department of Architecture has certain rights over this room, and that its students may at any moment claim two of the tables.

In various nooks and corners of the stack there are tables which are in theory reserved for professors. They are the only places in the whole building where a member of the staff can even attempt serious work. In practice they are mostly used by graduate students, with the countenance of the professors, who cannot but recognise that the graduates' room is so inadequate that unless permitted to sit at these tables many students could not prepare their theses at