employed as a Mechanics' Institute, or as a public library, or to any hall or building used by any body or society of persons, by whatever name or designation they may be known, and whether they be associated together for educational, philanthropic or benevolent purposes, or for 5 any other lawful purpose, or to any museum or repository of curiosities, shall be guilty of felony, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the discretion of the Court, to be imprisoned at hard labour in the Provincial Penitentiary for the term of his natural life, or for any 10 term not less than three years, or to be imprisoned in any other prison or place of confinement for any term not exceeding two years.

How punishable.