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I am correct in stating that the new addition to the Stack was made in 1901-2, when the Library had 85,470 volumes. Since then 82,096 volumes have been added, and the shelves are becoming crowded. Re-arrangement of classes will remedy this for a while, but any plan for the improvement of Library conditions should bear in mind the necessity of increasing the Stack space in the near future, as the books have practically doubled in number since the new Stack was provided. If such gifts as the Blackader Architectural Memorial Collection and the Emma Shearer Wood Ornithological Library are to be adequately housed, provision must be made for special collections of this sort.

This is merely a hasty statement of some of the conditions which I find obvious on my arrival to begin work as Librarian. I find, in addition, that the basement hall and some of the rooms are filled with shelves of gifts for which Mr. Gould had apparently made no ultimate provision. The fact that several of the old study rooms have been used for pamphlets, war material, blue books and the International Catalogue, further emphasizes the need of more room.

There is, of course, no criticism implied in these statements. They are merely a review of conditions that must be faced if the Library is to continue in proper working order