

THE GEST CHINESE RESEARCH LIBRARY

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The Gest Chinese Research Library, housed at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, is a living monument to its founder, Mr. Guion M. Gest, who directs its policy, accessions, arrangement, and library relations. From a modest beginning, covering a period of some thirty-five years, starting with one or two old Buddhist manuscripts, the collection has been finally assembled as an organised working library at McGill University.

Without the loyal co-operation in China, and the wide local experience of Commander I. V. Gillis, a personal friend of Mr. Gest and the Collaborator of the Gest Library, the collection would never have been able, in so comparatively short a time, to reach its present size and high level of scholarly equipment.

"There has been no attempt at any time to buy in volume for quantity's sake alone, but the one object", according to the founder of the Gest Library, "has been to obtain the best of the old works and to perpetuate them in a home where a full realization of the culture of China could be made by the Western World". The results of the transfer and the housing of these works in McGill University has amply justified its establishment as a factor in cementing the cultural relations of the East and the West.

LOCATION. The Gest Chinese Research Library is housed in the Redpath Library Building at McGill University, where it